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Who's Who and What's What

First Church, Dallas, Texas, has a budget of \$135,940, of which \$75,000 goes to denominational objects.

First Church, Brookhaven has a budget of \$15,740 for 1940. Of this about \$14,000 have been pledged. More is expected.

Dr. Lofton Hudson of Portland, Tenn., succeeds Dr. Vance Havener as pastor of First Church, Charleston, S. C., the latter going into evangelistic work.

It looks like we have about come to a time when there is no more sea. Every morning you listen at your radio to men talking across the ocean, from London, Paris, Berlin, &c.

Pastor J. W. Middleton of Clinton spent several days last week preaching to students in the Berry School in Georgia. He said it was a thrilling experience to speak to 800 boys and girls.

The new and handsome church building at Weleetka, Okla., was dedicated recently. The pastor, Alex Best was a pastor in Mississippi during his student days at the Baptist Bible Institute.

When Jesus said, "Blessed are ye poor," there is no reason to believe that he had in mind the man who suddenly and openly announces he is poor when the time comes to make a subscription to the church.

The Bulletin of one of our good churches in Mississippi says that so far as the church records show, sixty percent of the members never give anything to any cause. We have a long way to travel yet.

There will be an hour's program broadcast from Mississippi College chapel in Clinton Sunday afternoon over W.S.L.I. in Jackson, beginning at 4 p. m. The broadcast was from Hillman College last Sunday.

If the expenses of the government cannot be defrayed but by corrupting the morals of the people, I shall, without scruples, declare that money ought not to be raised nor the designs of the government supported.—Samuel Johnson.

Dr. R. C. Campbell, Mission Secretary of Texas Baptists has promised to assist Pastor J. W. Middleton in a revival meeting at Clinton in February. He attended our State Evangelistic Conference last year at Clinton and greatly helped.

The chairman of the board of deacons and the Sunday school superintendent ought if possible to be selected from those who give joyfully to the Lord, and liberally according to their means. They can lead a church in a great program of giving or they can head off the whole procession and estop the growth of the church.

The Baptist Courier of South Carolina gives an interesting account of a report by Dr. Jos. A. Gaines about Bible teaching in the public schools in Glasgow, Ky. At the suggestion of pastors in the city arrangement was made with the school authorities to have the Bible taught by the pastors to such students as chose to take this work, one period in each week. That was five years ago. The plan has proved so popular that assistant teachers had to be employed. The classes are now a part of the regular curriculum. Now there are eight classes with an enrollment of 261. The courses are so arranged that in four years a pupil may cover the entire Bible.

The church at Mendenhall has gone from half to full time, retaining the present pastor, Rev. C. C. Jones, effective January 1. This leaves D'Lo pastorless at that date. The Mendenhall church practically rebuilt their house last year, making a handsome and commodious plant! also sent The Baptist Record to every family.

Big churches as a rule require great expense for their up-keep. They are like a great mansion in which wealthy people live. The outlay for keeping them going is very much heavier in proportion than that of a church with a membership of a few hundred. That is the per capita cost of maintenance is very far out of proportion.

The Southwest Mississippi Ministers' Conference meets at First Church, McComb Monday of next week. Devotional by E. H. Dearman, Stewardship discussed by D. O. Horne, W. W. Kyzar and C. W. Thompson. Sermon by B. E. Phillips. Praise service led by Felix Arnold. Exposition of James 2:1-13 by F. W. Gunn; of James 2:14-26 by E. K. Cox.

Mr. Percy F. Herring of Water Valley writes to warn the people against a man and woman going about the state getting advertisements from merchants and promising to give song books to a church as an inducement. He gave brother Herring his address as Ackerman, but mail did not reach him there. We would advise the brethren to take in strangers (with caution) but don't let them take you in.

There are those who believe that church union is necessary to overcome the tides of evil which are threatening the whole world today. The truth is rather that the movement in favor of union is a manifestation of the lack of loyalty and zeal for truth, a decadent faith in the truth and a dependence on carnal weapons, on organization and massed attack, rather than on the Spirit and truth of God. The Roman Catholic Church came into existence when spiritual life failed in the churches. And it took a reformation that shook the ecclesiastical organization to its foundations to set men's minds and souls free. Let's have no more of this return to the methods of Rome.

If you expect the blessing of God on you for 1940, it will be necessary to clean up the obligations for 1939. This goes for every individual and for every church. Don't let 1940 find you with an unpaid obligation to your church. And let no church allow this year to close with its pastor unpaid. And pastor and all the members ought to see to it that the year does not close without the church having had a worthy part in the mission work. There is no use in having a church if it is not doing something to save a lost world. And one that does not will not remain long to cumber the ground.

Brother J. A. Stewart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Point, Miss., and his people had made great preparations for the meeting. There was a great deal of praying and personal work done throughout the meeting. Brother Appleman, the converted Jew, State Board evangelist of Texas, brought great gospel messages. It was my privilege to lead the singing. There were over 180 additions to the church. Brother Stewart is a princely man and many of the Christians of West Point are of the best in the land. The Lord is giving us a great meeting here, Anna, Ill. Brother Kyzar of Nashville, Tenn., is bringing the evangelistic messages.—Joe Canzoneri.

Baptists in the Philippine Islands number 8,000. They baptized 1,000 last year.

In the State of Washington liquor costs over \$28,563,008 while \$10,474,831 are spent for religion, nearly three to one in favor of liquor.

World-wide Sunday School Association scheduled to meet in Durban in South Africa in 1940 has been canceled on account of the war.

All members of the French Chamber of Deputies under 40 years of age are in the army, that is one-fourth of the entire body.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Nashville, Dec. 13. The Sunday School Board meets Dec. 14.

Davis Memorial Church in Jackson had seven additions by baptism on last Sunday and eight the Sunday before. Pastor Johnston says that there is a fine spirit among the members. A majority of the new additions were from the Orphanage.

Some of the daily papers carried a picture a few days ago of a "Thanksgiving Tree" at First Church, Meridian. Pastor Norman W. Cox suggested this way of raising \$2,000.00 on bonds due. The tree blossomed out with \$1,844.00. That's a good idea worth passing around and reproducing.

In the regular services during the past 117 Sundays the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Dr. J. Norris Palmer pastor, has received 1170 members, or an average of exactly 10 members per week for a period of two years and three months.—Nell Herrington, Church Sec.

The Baptist Standard has a most sensible and timely editorial on liquor advertising. The question is asked should a religious paper carry such advertising. Of course the answer is No. But if it is wrong for a religious paper, it is wrong for any paper. Because right and wrong remain the same everywhere. And if all the subscribers of a religious paper would quit if the paper carried liquor advertising, why should they not quit taking a secular paper that carries it?

After more than sixty years in the ministry, Dr. Robt. K. Maiden passed away at his home in Kansas City, Nov. 23. Dr. Maiden spent most of his life in Missouri, though born, if we remember correctly, in Virginia. He was for many years one of the editors of the Missouri paper, "The Word and Way." Through the years past we have had pleasant fellowship with him, and he was an occasional contributor to The Baptist Record and some other Baptist papers. His faith in the Bible and in the Lord Jesus was without doubt or questioning, and his testimony was clear and convincing.

That the advocates of ecclesiastical unity have ever been the enemies of spiritual freedom is indicated from this testimony of the Watchman-Examiner: "Spiritual unity is of Christ; ecclesiastical union is of man. The former we will promote with all our might; the latter we will approach with definite safeguards. In church history, the former has been sacrificed to achieve the latter. Saints possessed of divine counsel have been martyred because they dissented from unchristian rulings of church overlords . . . Only 150 years ago in Virginia, those who put ecclesiastical union and supremacy above spiritual freedom were dragging Baptist preachers from their pulpits into jail; were confiscating their properties and covering the martyrs with contumely. Knowing ecclesiastical history to be what it is, what fools we would be to forget it all now."

Sparks and Splinters

The Florida Baptist Convention meets January 16-18.

Only one out of 1,000 people in Japan is a Christian.

Budget of First Church, Shreveport, is \$80,000 for 1940 as compared with \$75,000 in 1939.

In the past six years Southern Baptists have paid over \$1,000,000 on the debts of our theological seminaries.

Seventy-three were added to Groves Church, Texas, in a meeting in which Rev. J. R. Nutt, a Mississippian helped Pastor J. E. Bryant.

Probably if all the time allotted in our Conventions to devotionals were spent in prayer, we wouldn't get into a tangle occasionally. What do you say?

Mr. Wm. E. Young who has been pastor's assistant in First Church, Shreveport, goes to do similar work with Pastor W. R. White in First Church, Oklahoma City.

Faith is that subtle spiritual alchemy which transforms opinion into conviction, hypothesis into law, theory into fact, knowledge into action, instruction into character, hope into eternal life.

North Carolina Baptists will build a chapel at Wake Forest, which will be the home of the Department of Religion and of the various student religious activities.

A new district Baptist Association is said to have been organized at Taft, California, which purposes to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Already there are Southern Baptist organizations in Arizona and New Mexico.

Miss Francis Traylor of the State W.M.U. has the sympathy of all her friends on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Jennie Shows at New Hebron last week. Being an older sister she had charge of the rearing of her younger sisters at the early death of their mother.

The plan of the Annuity Board to provide relief for old preachers at their retirement age will save our churches from being taxed by the government to provide for them. Our Baptist people succeeded in getting the federal government to forego taxing the churches as they do other institutions to provide for old employees.

Missionary C. A. Baker passed away in Brazil Nov. 22. He was a native of South Carolina, alumnus of Furman University and of the Louisville Seminary. He had been a missionary for 22 years. He leaves his wife and four children, one of them, Herbert, is a student in the Baptist Bible Institute.

The sympathy of her many friends is with Mrs. Edna Watkins Hewitt in the death of her husband, Dr. Hewitt of Summit last week. He had been a practicing physician for more than 20 years and a faithful member of the church at Summit. He was a brother of Wm. W. A. Hewitt of Jackson and Dr. and Judge Hewitt of McComb.

Don't tell me we have come from brutes! If the present world conditions and conduct of nations is any indication of the direction in which we are traveling, we are rather going toward brutes. The conduct of Italy in Ethiopia, Germany in Poland and Czechoslovakia, and Japan in China, and now Russia in Finland would rather show we are headed for the dark ages, where lying and brutality are accounted virtues.

The Baptist and Reflector quotes from Dr. J. R. Graves in "The Seven Dispensations," published fifty-six years ago: "A general war is expected and inevitable by every cabinet of Europe, and then—the end . . . This war, the last, many burst forth any day, and, once commenced, will not close until the armies engaged are destroyed by the manifest judgement of Christ at his coming." Dr. Graves was one of the greatest preachers Southern Baptists have ever had. But he was mistaken about the time of the end. It behooves all of us to be cautious; and we ought also to be ready and looking for the coming of the day of God.

Our Southern Baptist schools and colleges have \$27,000,000 in endowment, \$5,000,000 more than a year ago.

Dr. Thos. A. Johnson, aged 74, and for 24 years connected with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Library, passed away Nov. 9.

First Church, Columbus, will join the other churches of the city in observing the Church Loyalty Crusade, which begins Jan. 1, and runs for 16 weeks.

Paul says, "Help these women who labored with me in the gospel." There is a mighty good chance now when the W.M.U. is holding its week of prayer for foreign missions and making the Lottie Moon offering.

First Church, Natchez, is able to make a good report for the year just closing. For the past 12 months total receipts were \$7,946.86, with all bills paid. There have been 188 members added to the church since Jan. 1. Congregations are the best ever, and all departments are showing a healthy life. Contributions this year are the best in ten years.

The Southern Medical Association's journal published the following: "Officials said the pneumonia death rate among alcoholics is much greater than among teetotalers. Alcohol causes the white blood cells to slow up in their normal work by destroying disease germs."

A group of people met in Jackson last week to consider the best means of fostering temperance among our people and securing such legislation as would protect them against the constant assaults of the liquor interests. These men are sending out an appeal for representative people from every part of the state to meet in Jackson, at Galloway Memorial Methodist Church to strengthen the hands of the dry forces inside and outside of the legislature. Three of those present were asked to send out an appeal for cooperation. One of these is a Presbyterian, another a Methodist and the third a Baptist. They are Rev. Mr. Gamble of Raymond, Rev. Mr. Neill of Natchez and the Editor of the Baptist Record.

"Songs We Sing," published by the Broadman press, compiled by Mattie C. Leatherwood and illustrated by Marjorie Morris is a charming book of songs for children from three to six. The attractive dress which it wears makes it interesting to the little folks and all who love the little folks. It contains songs to meet the needs and experiences of the beginner with appropriate selections for every occasion: worship songs, nature songs, seasonal songs, marching songs; songs of family, of mother, of friends, of pets, of flowers, all short and simple, but appealing. It also contains marches and music for relaxation chosen from the works of the master composers, so that unconsciously the child may gain an appreciation of what is really good in music. The pages are freely illustrated with unique silhouettes of children in every mood. This volume should be helpful in the Sunday school, the Sunbeam Band, the Story Hour or the Daily Vacation Bible School. Price \$1.25.

A democracy is a government by the people collectively. For democracy to be a success the people who hold the power to govern must possess at least three essential qualifications. (1) They must have character, Christian character, which makes them honest, unselfish and just; (2) They must be informed. They must know the facts regarding the condition, the objectives and the needs of the government which they control. Knowledge makes them responsible; (3) They must be intelligent, able to analyze the situation of their government in the light of the facts which they possess, and come to sane, practical conclusions. These essentials are preeminently true of the people who make up a religious democracy, a self-governing Christian body, such as a Baptist church. Without the first essential democracy could easily degenerate into political oppression and unChristian demagogism. Without the second and third essentials democracy could at best be only a well-meaning, ineffective, non-progressive governmental agency. Baptists should possess all of these essentials.—J. D. Franks in Columbus Evangel.

SOME PRESENT DAY LIQUOR FACTS

By W. W. Gaines, Chairman of the Consolidated Forces for Prohibition in Georgia

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"You are striking such heroic blows against the whiskey traffic I want to help reinforce your assault in every way possible and I am sure Mr. Gaines' communication will be of much help to your great constituency of Record readers."—B. D. Gray.

America's liquor bill is now six billion dollars; which is \$46.15 for each man, woman, and child in our country. For an average five-member family it would amount to \$230.75.

This annual liquor bill, including all kinds of intoxicants, is just about one-half of the nation's annual food bill.

The liquor interests take \$8.50 from the people for every one dollar it pays the government in taxes.

There were 102 per cent more arrests for drunken driving in 1936 than there were in 1932, the last year of Prohibition.

There are 700,000 places where licensed liquors are sold in the United States now as against 177,000 in 1920, the year before prohibition went into effect.

There were 40,000 fatal traffic accidents in the United States last year, more than 50 per cent of which had liquor involvement.

The brewers brag that they bought from the farmers of the country the production of three million acres. But the farmers had in all in cultivation 341 million acres. So the brewers purchased less than one per cent.

Fifty per cent of the liquor sold today, authorities say, is bootleg liquor. The bootlegging is flourishing as never before.

The huge sum of \$23,800,000 a year is spent by the liquor interests for advertising. That is the reason the newspapers have so little to say about the part liquor plays in its stories of crime.

Liquor is related to 90 per cent of the crimes of the country.

Fifty-five per cent of the insanity of the United States is due to liquor.

The United States spends \$15.33 per pupil on education and \$46.15 per capita for liquor.

Education in Georgia, all told, is costing us approximately 40 million dollars a year. Georgia receives from liquor taxes three million dollars which would finance the schools 18 days of a school year.

Statistics show that in only one state of the Union are the highways as dangerous as in Georgia—Alabama.

Four hundred Georgia drivers have had their driver's license revoked since September the first for drunkenness.

There are 39 wet counties in Georgia now, and 120 dry counties. Fewer counties have voted to legalize liquor than voted wet in the last two state-wide referendums—which referendums, as we know, the legislature and the governor defiantly ignored.

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Catholic Christianity persecutes cruelly whenever it has the power. Its diplomacy is tortuous and dishonest; it has paganized the Gospel beyond recognition; it maintains its influence by bogus miracles, indulgences, and purgatory pickpurses. Like all governments which collect their revenues by false pretenses, it is driven to impede education and to issue a list of prohibited books. It is quite safe to predict that there will never again be a universal empire or a universal church. These twin ideas are utterly antiquated. However, the claims and pretensions of the Catholic church are as persistent as ever; the whole world is the patrimony of Peter; no other churches have a right to exist; they are rebels and their priests and ministers are laymen. The Roman Catholic church has a monopoly on grace, no non-Catholic can hope to escape eternal damnation.—Dean Inge in The Spectator.

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PRACTICAL CURRENT LESSONS FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF SODOM AND GOMMORRAH

(Hinds-Warren Associational Sermon)
By Judson M. Cook, Vicksburg, Miss.

Text: And Abraham gat up early in the morning where he had stood before Jehovah: And he looked toward Sodom and Gommorrah, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the land went up as the smoke of a furnace. Gen. 19:27-28.

The first lesson we draw from this text for the subject in hand is the diligence of Abraham. Gen. 18:22 tells us that upon the departure of his visitors Abraham stood yet before the Lord and the 23d verse says that he drew near in prayer for mercy on Sodom. Even so and the text says the next morning he was up early and at the place of prayer to commune with God and study world conditions. Such diligence brought him to the proper place at the proper time to view this conflagration. It is the diligence of Christians today who see the world's need and do the Lord's work.

As in holy horror Abraham gazed upon his early morning vision he made observations. For one thing he saw the Destructive Power of Sin which is best shown by a burning city. In days past the Sodomites enjoyed pleasure which now is taken away as retribution for sin. Also the evening before the peace of Lot's home was disturbed when the street rowdies tried to flog his angelic visitors. After Peter's denials of Christ he wept bitterly. Any sin of ours takes pleasures from us and those we touch in life.

The same sin that took their pleasure also consumed their wealth, for every house, fence, and animal was destroyed in this flame. Our money leaves us as a result of sin and we are powerless to help ourselves.

Moreover he saw human life hurrying here and scurrying there and falling in these fires. Myriad illustrations of the loss of human life can now be seen in the wars of the earth, the accidents caused by drinking drivers, and the general dissipation of energy in lives of sin.

One might afford to lose his pleasure, wealth and life, but in the same way that these slip his grasp his immortal soul also goes down, for the soul that sinneth shall die. Perhaps this most of all pained the heart of Abraham in his morning vision. One can ill afford to lose his soul.

A second observation he made at this time was doubtless the Benefit of a Few Righteous People. Only the evening before he had prayed for Sodom to be spared. God had promised him to do so if the survey should find ten righteous people there.

Righteous people of today may feel few in number and of small consequence yet only a few people in the right and with God make a mighty majority, for truth crushed to earth will rise again and God will save society for the sake of the righteous found there.

His third observation must have been His Personal Responsibility. Where does it end? When has one done enough? Did he go down and preach to them or send some missionary to start a church in Lot's home and thus muster ten righteous souls?

All these are pertinent questions now while children walk in parents' tracks, young lawyers take the judge for an ideal, the pupil mimics the teacher and every employee is influenced by the employer both in the home land and in the foreign fields of Christian mission.

Another important observation of Abraham was that One Should Never Give Up. There is no place or time to stop religious effort. If he had continued doubtless God would have spared Sodom for the sake of Lot and his daughters. In most congregations there are three classes: Stand-patters, use-to-wuzzers, and I-expect-to-be-sometimes. Only the Stand-patter is right and happy. The others may become so at their own choice. The quarryman with chisel and mallet makes a thousand efforts to break a stone with seeming little effect, but finally one more effort no greater than the others opened the

stone from one side to the other. 'Tis a lesson you should heed, try, try again. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. That is a rule of Jesus; cast the net again on the other side. Remember anyone can quit; the strong keep on. The promise is, "He that endures to the end shall be saved." One who has not enough religion to endure does not have enough to be saved in the first place.

The concluding modern lesson would be, Where Will Unbelieving Non-penitent Americans Stand in the End? Yes, and where do they stand even now? In the eleventh chapter of Matthew Jesus calls down woe on non-penitent people who were hard to please telling them it would be better for Sodom in the judgement than for them, for Sodom would have repented if she had their chance. Also to the disciples sent out he said if people failed to hear them it would be better for Sodom than it would be for them. If Sodom burned and it will be better for Sodom than for faithless, heedless people of our day, where will stand the sinner for whom the modern Christian is responsible.

We must stand before God early and late and on and on to the time of final rewards and retributions.

THE BAPTIST COLLEGE AND TRENDS IN MODERN EDUCATION

Ben Ingram, Ph. D.

Certain trends in education today only enhance the importance of the properly controlled, well endowed, efficient Christian college. It is useless for us as Baptists to refuse to face certain trends in the realm of education. We are in the midst of certain forces that may be properly termed trends in our educational thought today, and many of these are definitely hostile, though not intentionally, oftentimes, to the type of school that Baptists have supported. In instances it may be well for the Christian college to oppose some of these trends. In other instances it will be imperative that our leadership recognizes their presence and immediately sets itself to cope with the conditions born of these trends or movements in our educational life. Not to do so means that that which has happened to Christian schools in other days can and will happen today; they will be endowed and cease to be Christian schools or they will go as many others have gone—they will close.

It is becoming much easier for high school graduates to attend our state colleges because of the low cost. This is no criticism of the state institution. It is a wise service that the state should render. But as it is, when the boy goes to a state college the state university pays about four dollars of his expense for every dollar that he spends for himself. Naturally this militates against the Christian school where there is and can be no system of taxation to support it. Baptists, in some way, must bring college education within reach of the masses of our young people. If we Baptists refuse to educate them the state will. In the University at Athens alone there are about 1400 Baptist students, a number equaling the combined enrollment, very likely, of Mercer University, Bessie Taft, Shorter, Brewton-Parker and Norman Park Colleges.

Also the large systems of education of higher learning have gone into great programs of expansion. The ease with which federal aid may be secured has given impetus to this movement. In our state schools we have more buildings, more equipment, more courses of study, and an ever enlarging student body. Unfortunately in some of these systems, the glamor, the show, the pomp, and the bigness of it all is a mighty inducement for many of our boys and girls. Many are asking what place character building and moral discipline can find in educational systems that become mechanized because of rapid, tremendous growth. Does our present educational life magnify quantity to the detriment of quality? Are we in an age when fact finding is paramount to character building and programs to personality? The great statistician, Roger Babson, has said, "The need of the hour is not in

factories, materials, railroads, nor steamships, nor more armies or more navies, but rather more education based on the plain teachings of Jesus." The small Christian college has magnified Christian character. It stands today to challenge the merits of any educational system that subordinates personal worth to a materialistic system. Dr. Charles R. Stockard at the dedication of the Theobald Memorial Laboratory at Albany Medical College said: . . . "modest buildings may well suffice for scientific work. The ingenuity of the investigator is not promoted by completely ready-made facilities . . . monumental buildings stand more as final accomplishments than as markers of the beginnings of progress." Dr. Luther Gulick, director of some research work in New York, as quoted by Dr. J. L. Kesler, places the inspired teacher as still the most valuable asset of a college.

Again, by the nature of our government, our state institutions cannot teach the Christian religion. This fact carries with it the natural corollary that since the state school cannot teach religion, all teachers of such schools should hold due reverence for religion. However, so many of us are conscious that this is not always true. One freshman states that her teacher in biology last year said the Bible no longer is to be taken seriously. Another has learned from a teacher in high school that the Old Testament is a myth. Men like Dr. Joshi, Dr. Barnes, Dr. Dewey, representatives of some of our most influential colleges in the United States are indifferent to or openly hostile to any sort of an orthodox interpretation of the New Testament. One of these men readily states that "The concept of God is no longer tenable in the light of modern knowledge." Another states that "No system of reasoning or religion pretending to explain or chart out life is of any value whatever, but that the results of experiment alone constitute a rule of action." And another, "The deity of Jesus is an impossible idea; and there is absolutely no ground for the doctrine of a metaphysical soul or of the immortality of the soul." If space permitted other outstanding leaders in American universities could be quoted who have expressed themselves as either indifferent or openly hostile to Christianity. The Christian school cannot stand this type and other types of attacks that are filling the air unless Christian men realizing the worth of the Christian college are willing to sacrifice heroically for its continuance.

It seems that there is abroad the idea that a denominational college either lacks in leadership or is too narrow or biased to be entrusted with funds for an expanding program that makes it possible to keep abreast with the increasing complexity of our social, moral, economic, and spiritual life. Therefore, funds are not left readily with the denomination. We have lost many of our Christian schools to self-perpetuating Boards of Trustees and to great endowments. They have remained humanitarian in spirit but have become intensely humanistic in teaching. We think of Columbian College, Hjllsdale, Carlton College, Chicago University, and many other institutions that are doing a fine work, but are training primarily for earthly citizenship. Many of these have lost all semblance of ever having been a school born of the passions of men for Christ and His Lordship of life. Seriously has the question been raised, is it possible for a Baptist college to become heavily endowed and still retain its denominational identity? Is it possible to find men of means, who for Christ's sake, will give to these institutions? Are we to continue losing Christian institutions which are to become primarily centers of scholarship where social emphasis is paramount, where reformation is more important than regeneration, and culture is supreme to Christ?

Evangelist H. Evan McKinley, formerly pastor at Shepherdsville, Ky., and for two years in evangelistic work, has been recently in a meeting with Pastor B. B. Smith at Henderson, Ky. He plans to attend the International Evangelistic Conference in Jackson from Dec. 31 to Jan. 7, and will be available for meetings.

EDITORIALS

AN EYE-OPENER

Anyone who has not studied this question in the Bible would probably be surprised at the frequent mention in the Bible of eyes being opened. There are a number of passages in the Old Testament, and still more in the New which speak of the Lord's opening the eyes of people to see what otherwise they would not see, and what other people do not see. Most of them do not refer to physical blindness, but to spiritual blindness.

Here are just a few references and you may add to them easily if you have a concordance. In the fourteenth chapter of Second Kings the servant of Elisha is distressed when he sees Samaria surrounded by the Syrian army. Elisha prays that the servant's eyes may be open: "And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." A seer is one who can see; see what other folks don't see.

You will recall in the sixth chapter of Isaiah that the Lord is said to close people's eyes that they might not see. And in the forty-second chapter of Isaiah the ministry of Jesus is said (verse seven) to be to open the eyes of the blind. And then coming to the New Testament you will recall that Jesus opened the eyes of the two men at Emmaus, Lk. 24:31-32. And a little later at Jerusalem, vs. 45, "he opened their mind that they might understand the scriptures." This is Luke's account of the appearance of Jesus after his resurrection when John said "He breathed on them and said, Receive ye the Holy Spirit."

Opening the eyes and opening the scriptures, happen at the same time, and may be said to be the same thing in effect. And this is what concerns us now. The scriptures are closed because our eyes are closed. The scriptures are opened when our eyes are opened. The scriptures are close sealed with seven seals until the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne takes the book. And notice the description of the Lamb as "having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth." We may be thankful that the Spirit is sent forth into all the earth. Those who desire his help may have it.

The same truth as to the dependence of men on the Holy Spirit to understand the word of God is taught in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter two: "But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit, for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, even the deep things of God. Even so the things of God none knoweth save the Spirit of God." For this reason Paul prays for the Ephesians, "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; having the eyes of your heart enlightened."

And we have a demonstration of this truth of our dependence on the Holy Spirit to understand the Bible in the sermon of Peter on the day of Pentecost. His sermon was made up largely of quotations from the Old Testament. First from Joel as to the coming of the Holy Spirit, and then as to the resurrection of Jesus. But these scriptures had little or no meaning to the people until the Spirit of God came. Men have starved to death when food was in their reach. They didn't know it. Men lived in comparative poverty, getting a scant support from the soil, when rivers of oil were beneath their feet. The colors of the mountains and the riotous display of beauty in the autumn forest will never be seen until the sun rises over them. The riches of the scriptures are hidden from them who have not the Spirit of God. Peter and all the disciples saw that day meaning in the scriptures which they had never seen before. "Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee . . . and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light and kings to the brightness of the rising," Isaiah 60:1-3.

"THIS IS THAT"

Some may recall that years ago F. B. Meyer of London preached while visiting in this country a sermon on this text, "This Is That." While we do not remember anything else in the sermon, the text burned itself into our memory. Of course the purpose was to identify this experience of pentecost with the prophecy of Joel, just the thing, of course, which Peter did in his sermon. It was Peter's way of identifying this gospel experience with the things predicted by the Old Testament prophets, a thing which is done all down the line of New Testament experiences. The God who spoke unto the fathers through the prophets is the same who has spoken to us in His Son. "We have the word of prophecy made more sure (substantiated); whereunto ye do well that we take heed as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day star arise in your hearts." And as always the fulfillment is necessary to a real understanding of the prophecy.

And now Peter quotes from Joel:

Joel has no hesitancy in saying that it is God who is speaking. But for God's speaking to Joel and through him, he would have known no more about what would happen at pentecost than you or I, or any man of his generation.

Joel said it would be "in the last days." That does not mean, of course that this pentecostal experience would usher in the end of the world. "In the last days" covers the gospel era, however long or short it would be. It would be the era of consummation for which all others were preparation. And it seems clearly intimated that this pentecostal experience would characterize the whole gospel age, continuing as long as the gospel should be preached and to the end of time. Indeed this is implied in Peter's words, "The promise is to you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him."

The words used indicate the abundant, unlimited communication of the Spirit. "I will pour forth of my spirit." Just as Malachi had said, "I will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing which there shall not be room to contain." The same figure is used by Paul, Romans 5:5, "The love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts (poured forth) through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us." Of Jesus it was said, "He whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for he giveth not the Spirit by measure, John 3:34. We ought to get it into our hearts that God sets no limits to what one may do who is filled with the Spirit. We must not "limit the Holy One of Israel." On the eve of his going Jesus said, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do because I go to the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do; and I will pray the Father and he shall give you another Comforter." The only limitation on our usefulness, under the Spirit of God is that which we ourselves allow.

And this is clear that these possibilities are not limited to any class of people, to any office, to any age or station. The pouring forth of the Spirit is "upon all flesh . . . your sons . . . your daughters . . . your young men . . . your old men . . . on my servants . . . my hand maids." No Christian is excluded from the privilege of full participation in the Spirit of God. God wishes all his people to be filled with the Spirit. This does not mean that all will have the same manifestation of the Spirit, but all may have the Spirit in his fulness for whatever service they are called upon to render.

In verse 19 of the second chapter of Acts, Peter quotes from Joel about "wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth beneath—blood—fire—smoke—the sun darkened—the moon turned to blood." This seems to indicate that the same God who sends the gospel and pours out His Spirit, also controls all natural physical phenomena; the historical events, including distresses, upheavals, violent changes and supernatural signs. These accompany the gospel and

prepare the way for its dissemination, and men's minds for its reception. Distress turns men to the Lord. And the whole of it, the working in nature, in history and in the outpouring of the Spirit, are all for one thing: "It shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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SEE YOUR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN

By Arthur J. Barton, Chairman, Social Service Commission, Southern Baptist Convention

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Now that Congress is not in session the members of the Senate and House are at home with their constituents. This gives our Baptist people the opportunity to confer personally with their Senators and Congressmen.

I urge upon every reader of these lines to have such conference at once and to urge the passage of the Johnson Bill (S. 517) to prohibit all advertising of liquor over the radio. This is a very important bill and should be enacted into law immediately when Congress reassembles. Do not fail to see your Senators and Congressmen and urge this matter upon them while they are at home.

If for any reason you cannot or should not do this be sure to write them at once in Washington, urging the matter upon them. There could hardly be a greater prostitution of the radio than that it should be made the means of promoting the sale of intoxicating liquors. Prompt and decisive action by our citizens will win a victory for the right. Act and act now. Washington, D. C.

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CHURCH LOYALTY EMPHASIS

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It is with genuine pleasure that I add my testimony of praise for the Church Loyalty Emphasis. As pastor of Highland Church in Meridian where we are entering the third month of such a campaign, I can testify to its unusual success. Our campaign, termed "The Meridian Christian Crusade," is proving to be the most successful special effort that I have ever known any church or group of churches to undertake. Many of us in Meridian now believe that it is much easier in a town or city to fill all the churches with people than it is to fill only a few of them.

In our Campaign we have two main objectives. They are: First, as nearly all of the resident members as possible attending all services. Second, an intensifying of the spiritual life of the churches. Both of these objectives are being reached to a surprising degree of satisfaction and incidentally the offerings into the Lord's Treasury have increased proportionately with the increase in attendance. The average increase is about twenty-five percent.—J. H. Avery, Highland Church, Meridian.

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It is well to pray earnestly to the Lord when we get into trouble. But it is better if God so will, that we pray before trouble comes. We would probably be saved from many a difficult situation.

Rev. S. T. Courtney passed away Nov. 30. He had been for a long time pastor of churches in South Mississippi, his last work being with Steen's Creek, Harrisville and Mountain Creek. He had retired a few years ago and was living on his farm near Mountain Creek in Rankin County. He was 63 years of age. He was stricken with paralysis two years ago. He leaves his widow, six sons and one daughter.

Central Mississippi Pastors' Conference meets Monday, Dec. 11, 9:30 a. m. at First Church, Jackson. The general theme is "Ministerial Ethics". After devotional exercises led by Madison Flowers, Dr. W. F. Yarborough discusses Preparation and Delivery of Sermon. I. F. Metts discusses the Pastor and his Field of Work; G. O. Parker, Pastor's Relation to Other Pastors; D. W. Moulder, Pastor's Denominational Relation; Percy Cooper conducts Open discussion; A. S. Johnston leads the Bible Study; Sermon by W. A. Bell on the Glory of the Ministry.

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CONVENTION BOARD

There is opportunity here only for brief reference to the opening session of the Convention Board meeting in Jackson on Monday evening. In the beginning the representatives of the State W. M. U. were given an opportunity to present their recommendations, which make no changes in the setup for last year.

The election of officers resulted in retaining Mr. J. D. Davis of Greenville as President, Mr. M. P. L. Love as Vice-President, Rev. Walton E. Lee as Secretary. Dr. R. C. Bolton, representing the Relief and Annuity Board was introduced. He is here to assist in carrying out the plan of the State Convention in providing for retirement allowance for pastors.

Chairmen of Committees are: Budget, M. P. L. Love; on Nominations and Salaries, F. M. Purser; on Pastoral Support, S. B. Cooper; on Church Building Appropriations, J. A. Taylor; on Sunday School Work, R. B. Patterson; on B. T. U. Work, G. O. Parker; on B. S. U. Work, G. P. White; on The Baptist Record, E. K. Cox.

Those making requests for aid next year were given an opportunity to present their causes. D. L. Young spoke of the New Oil Field in Yazoo County. Biloxi was represented by Deacon Dunaway; The Government Settlement near Terry by Pastor Carey Cox; Pascagoula by Deacon Blain. A student from Mississippi College spoke of work among the students there. Mr. Fairchild spoke of the student work at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College. B. B. Hilbun spoke of Zion Church in Pontotoc County. Pastor Robt. Martin of work at Straight Bayou; Pastor Douglas of Deer Creek and C. S. Moulder about State Teachers College. Pastor Fortner spoke of the field at Stonewall. Deacon E. D. Hurst of the B. S. U. work and Brotherhood in Jones County. R. L. Wallace and J. B. Quin spoke of work among students at Hinds Junior and Southwestern Junior Colleges.

The Budget Committee was acting under instructions to operate under a budget of \$225,000 for all objects for 1940. The Cooperative Program usually is about one-half and specials the other half. The Cooperative Program receipts are to be divided, 60% to state objects and 40% to those outside the state. Inside the state the distribution is 25% to state missions, 25% to Christian Education, 6% to the Orphanage, 3% to Ministerial Education and 1% to the Mississippi Hospital. All the same as last year. Out of state mission funds the B. S. U. gets \$4,000 this year, \$3,600 last year. Sunday School work gets \$7,500. B. T. U. gets \$4,400. Pastoral support gets \$8,600. Church building \$3,330. Evangelism \$5,750. Pastor's Retirement \$3,000. Indian and Negro work \$900. Clarke College \$1,000. For Board meetings \$1,000. Convention expenses \$250. Fixed items \$270.

The matter of providing retirement annuities for Board employees was referred to the Executive Committee.

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Concord Church, Franklin County has gone from one-fourth to one-half time. They have the storehouse plan of financing the work of the church, with a storehouse near the church to take care of the tithe. Brother H. F. Pfeifer, a student in the Baptist Bible Institute is pastor. Recently he was assisted in a good revival meeting by Rev. T. L. Pfeifer of East St. Louis, Ill. The people were greatly helped and two were added to the church, one by baptism.

Briar Hill Baptist Sunday school enjoyed its annual Study Course last week, beginning on Sunday night and continuing through Wednesday night (November 26-29). Dr. R. B. Gunter taught the book "The Book We Teach" to the teachers and adults, while Mrs. R. B. Gunter taught "The Village Oven" to the Juniors. Considerable interest was shown throughout the week by the large number who came to hear these fine books. Both teachers did a really fine job of interpreting these study books and the entire Sunday school will be benefitted by this week of study.—Mrs. A. D. Taylor, Intermediate Teacher.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b, "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them; that thy profiting may appear to ALL."

Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Rev. E. D. Estes, State Evangelist



A GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

Above is the picture of one of our faithful and HARD WORKING state evangelists. If he is as good along other lines as he is in promoting The Baptist Record, he is just about perfect. During November he has turned in 30 Record subscriptions and during the past twelve months he has turned in 315. So far as we know this is the best record of any man in the State. Others are invited to join in and help us. The Record promotes ALL our work.

Brother Estes recently brought in a list of ten from a church and nine of the ten had never heard of the Record. We hope that all pastors will at least inform their people of the fact that The Baptist Record is Mississippi Baptists' own paper.

When a pastor helps increase the circulation of the Record he helps his own work, the church, the people and the Kingdom work.

Recently brother Estes organized a new church, Farrell, in a depot in Coahoma County. The membership numbers 16. He brought ten subscriptions from there, one from a Presbyterian.

There are 25,000 people in Mississippi who would subscribe for the Record if asked. Won't somebody ask them?

SOUTHSIDE—Jackson

Instead of waiting, Rev. and Mrs. Percy Cooper felt led to South Jackson. They came direct from B. B. I. and after a few weeks' work a church was organized. They now have a church of 100 members, with all organizations functioning. G. C. Harper, Miss Beulah Mae Byrd and Mrs. J. E. Elliott lead the Sunday school, B.T.U. and W.M.U. A large dwelling has been bought and transformed into a splendid church plant with a good sized auditorium and four upstairs rooms. Two rooms on the front are being built. If they grow much more, more room will be necessary as we found a full house and they said even more were present at the night service.

We explained the benefits of the EVERY FAMILY Plan and it has been adopted, thus putting Southside among the nearly 400 churches that have adopted the E F Plan. The three new churches organized in and around Jackson have each one started right by adopting the E F Plan.

Hinds County now has subscribers listed as follows: Learned 1; Salem 5; DANIELS 51; Edwards 2; BETHESDA 61; TERRY 71; Oakley 1; Pocahontas 15; BYRAM 18; Parkway 20; CLINTON 140; Jackson First 38; Jackson, miscellaneous 30; Griffith 9; VAN WINKLE 42; CALVARY 630; UTICA 31; SIWELL 14; North-

side 4; DAVIS MEMORIAL 123; Raymond 9; CLEAR CREEK 13.

THE EVERY FAMILY PLAN DOES PAY

Liberty Church, Rev. C. W. Thompson pastor, has the E F Plan. Their budget for the year just ended totalled \$4,200. The offerings amounted to \$5,300. The proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof.

BETHLEHEM—Montgomery County

"And brought forth fruit, some an hundred fold . . ."

For some years with Mrs. Jack Herring as our representative, Bethlehem Church has had a good list of Record readers. Feeling that if the Record was good for part of the Bethlehem people, it was good for all of them, they recently adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Naturally Pastor Eidson is delighted at the fact that he is now pastor of a church that has the largest Record circulation of any church in Montgomery County. In fact, we suspect that it won't be long before brother Eidson has his other churches on the E F Plan.

Montgomery County now has subscribers listed as follows: Duck Hill 3; BETHLEHEM 31; Winona 2; R. F. D. Winona 3.

WANTED—A boy or girl in every Baptist Church in Mississippi to sell The Baptist Record. A steady income for steady work. Write for terms. THE BAPTIST RECORD, Jackson, Miss.

AN HONEST CONFESSION IS . . .

"Our church voted last Sunday to continue the E F Plan. During the summer months we discontinued the Plan, A MISTAKE WE SHOULD NOT HAVE MADE."—A Central Mississippi Pastor.

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The church at Anding on the third Sunday in November gave \$68.78 for the Orphanage, and \$116.00 through the 5000 Club. They have a membership of only 90.

Pastor W. A. Sullivan reports seven additions at First Church, Natchez, Nov. 26. Another B. A.U. organized, and another Adult Men's Bible class being organized.

A \$4,000,000 plant, American owned, for making airplanes has been built on the border of Burma to make planes for China. A modern city has been built around the factory.

Judson College in Alabama, the oldest college for girls in the South is in financial straits and must have \$35,000, and of this \$15,000 must be had before Christmas. There are 2,200 alumnae. Vigorous work is now being done to meet the immediate need.

Dr. J. W. Newbrough, superintendent of the Rescue Mission in New Orleans resigns effective Jan. 1. He goes to Hollinger in the Rio Grande Valley in Texas. We do not know a man who has done a more sacrificial and genuinely Christian service. He was severely injured a year or two ago in an automobile wreck and never fully recovered.

The Church at Forest is constructing an educational annex to cost about \$8,000.00, a two-story building with seventeen rooms. In the three years of Dr. A. B. Wood's pastorate the membership has a net increase of 126, now numbering 500. The S. S. enrollment has gone from 214 to 429. The Adult Department from 72 to 177. The B.T.U. from 62 to 110. All W.M.U. organizations are A-1.

Sunday night, December 3rd in a business meeting of the Escatawpa Baptist Church the people really decided to go to work in a bigger way for the Lord. The Budget adopted is half as large again as it has been for the last six months and over four times as large as it was just three years ago. Our plan for meeting the budget is tithing only. As a pretty big surprise the people suggested the idea of building a pastorium and voted there to begin work on the building right away. We urge every member to give his or her best to make this a banner year for the Lord in Escatawpa Baptist Church.—Reporter.

PASTORAL PROBLEMS "THE PREACHER'S FRIENDS"

By Norman W. Cox

A pastor's friends not infrequently become a real problem for him. If he lets his heart go and develops a very close friendship with one or two, or a half dozen families in his church so that his relationship with them is much nearer than with the membership in general, unless he is an unusually tactful person, the time will come when not a few in his congregation will become jealous and critical because of the fact that he is nearer to others than he is to them. I made this mistake once, with rather unhappy results.

In a large per cent of our churches there are those who want to cultivate the pastor's friendship for the use they make of it to their own advantage. He has to watch lest he be exploited in this respect, to the disadvantage of his work.

The pastor is a human being. I have never yet found one that lacked the essential traits of humanity. Whenever we have seen one who had too much of the-other-world pose and too sentimental an air, we have always been just a little careful in our dealings with such a brother.

The people want a friendly pastor. I believe the Lord wants us to be friendly. We need always to get over to our people that we love them without distinction, and we would do no more for one than another.

The people want a thoroughly human pastor, at the same time, they want him to be Christ-like in character. A pastor may be a poor preacher, but if he has the gift of loving people and has a passionate desire to serve them in the name of Christ, he will be a great preacher to them.

He simply must, however, be careful not to be too intimate with a few, and at a distance from many. Here temptation comes unawares, and without our ever intending, we can do damage to the cause and ourselves.

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A UNIQUE DENOMINATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT BY THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD

By L. R. Scarborough

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Southern Baptists are in the business of achieving—evangelizing, baptizing, unifying, solidifying many constructive activities. One of the greatest of victories among Southern Baptists in recent years is the accomplishments of Dr. Thomas J. Watts and his associates in the Relief and Annuity Board in successfully putting over the "Retirement Plan" in every state in the South.

This Board has had a long struggle in the business of satisfying Southern Baptists with the proper sort of plan for the retirement of its preachers. Some plans have not been adaptable to Southern Baptists, but this plan is, and has proven itself to fit what Southern Baptists need.

The circles of states are now about complete. All of them have joined save Arizona and the District of Columbia, neither of which has ministers enough to make a unit under the plans of the Board. But adjustments will be made with these two sections by adjoining states.

Dr. Lunsford in his day and Dr. Watts in his have shown themselves masters in constructive, patient leadership in one of the most significant achievements among Southern Baptists.

There are certain things about this achievement of which I remind the readers of this article:

1. The difficulty of finding a plan suitable and adjustable to Southern Baptists' genius. The Board had to experiment, but with the advice of capable men they found a plan.

2. Great Christian patience was shown by Dr. Watts and his co-laborers. No antagonisms were aroused; no opposition antagonized. Arguments instead of accusations were used. The fine art of patient waiting was everywhere shown. This is one of the finest-spirited campaigns that was ever waged. There was opposition, latent and active. Most of it has been convinced and won. The other opposition still remaining will, it is

hoped, be finally convinced and won.

3. The plan is wonderfully wise in its safety and business security. It is business-like and sound, according to annuity principles. One of the best boards of business men and sound-minded preachers in the South has been back of and cooperating with Dr. Watts.

4. Its constructive, unifying and solidifying effects in the denomination will be marvelous as the years shall unfold.

5. It will bring manifold blessings to our people. I name some of them:

(1) It will bless the ministry. It will relieve our hearts of the appalling fear of old age, decrepitude and nervous breakdown. It will add dignity and respectability to the old age of our preachers. It will remove the old and decrepit ministers from charity lists everywhere, and make all preachers and religious workers who enter it look up instead of down in the helpless days that are ahead. It will give a thrill of joy to the wives of preachers whose active service is fast passing.

(2) It will bless the churches. It will give them a worthy share in a perpetual service of caring for the most noble set of heroes and heroines in the world.

(3) It will help our denomination greatly with the government which is determined to carry through its Social Security program, and with other denominations who are succeeding in their plans for their ministers.

6. The scope of the plan is generous and wise. It includes missionaries, the workers in our State Boards and schools and hospitals and orphanages, and on and on.

7. It has tremendous spiritual values. It has a sense of love and appreciation up and down the whole denominational line. It is stabilizing, solidifying, unifying in a sense that probably no other achievement will bring to our people. It has put new rainbows in the skies and radiance in many hearts.

Dr. Watts, now living and active, Dr. Lunsford in blessed memory, and all who have helped in this worthwhile achievement—God bless you all! You have won a noble place among the achieving, constructive leadership of your denomination. Thank God for these men!

It should be remembered that no burden has been placed on anybody. The work of maintaining it has been shared by the Board, by the preachers themselves and by the denomination. It ought not to cause anybody to suffer anywhere, but multitudes to be blessed.

It should be remembered also the task is just begun. Something over four thousand preachers have joined, and a proportionate number of churches. There are thousands of other churches and preachers that must and surely will come in. Let's all join these leaders in carrying forward this matter to a successful achievement. It will take years. It is a perpetual business, and we need to faithfully cooperate in this matter for the glory of God and the strengthening of the ministry and the blessing of our churches.

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Dr. W. W. Barnes, head of the Department of Church History at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, has just returned from a three week's leave of absence in North Carolina. During that time Dr. Barnes conducted a revival meeting, spoke to several of our denominational colleges and did some research work in the library of Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

It was my joy to help in the revival of the First Baptist Church, West Point, Mississippi. Dr. James A. Stewart and his people made the most perfect preparation, lent the most superb cooperation, provided the most warm hospitality it was ever my good fortune to enjoy in my ministry. The Lord was greatly magnified in 186 additions to the church. Dr. Stewart's work bears all the signs of being definitely and particularly under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. After his years of faithful gospel seed sowing, it was not at all difficult to reap this harvest of souls.—Hyman J. Appleman, Evangelist.

"WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW"

Students from a Baptist School Question Leaders from North and South in Panel Radio Discussion

By Edwin S. Preston, Executive Secretary, Shorter College, Rome, Ga.

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In a recent panel discussion over a powerful Southern radio station some of these questions as they arose on one college campus were answered helpfully. A stenographic report of this discussion forms the principal part of this article.

When three outstanding leaders from North and South came to Atlanta for the Christian Life Conference at the Druid Hills Baptist Church at the invitation of Dr. Louie D. Newton, a special broadcast over WSB was arranged in which questions arising from the student body at Shorter College were presented for answer.

The leaders brought into action to answer these student questions were: Mrs. Jessie Burrall Eubank, Cincinnati, Ohio, nationally known speaker to youth; Dr. W. Hersey Davis, Louisville, Ky., professor of New Testament Interpretation at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Dr. Earl V. Pierce, Minneapolis, Minn., former president of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Miss Mary Vann of Thomasville, Ga., a junior at Shorter, voiced the student questions as the panel discussion group encircled two of the microphones at WSB, the Atlanta Journal's 50,000 watt station.

Copies of the questions and answers were promised on request and many have been sent out to appreciative listeners in several states.

A cross-section of student thinking is evidenced by the following questions which these leaders answered so frankly and well:

1. Is our chief responsibility at home or abroad in our Christian program? (Dr. Pierce)

Our chief responsibility is always where the chief need is. The chief need of people throughout the world is to know the Lord Jesus Christ, and as there are a billion and a half people in the world who have never yet had a knowledge of Him and as we have only one hundred and thirty million in America, our duty is as a billion and a half is to one hundred and thirty million.

2. If a person is completely relaxed and gives himself to reverie and is in a receptive mood, may such an act be prayer? (Mrs. Eubank).

That is an interesting question. It might be, but it isn't apt to be. It would be a very exceptional case. Relaxation is relaxation and reverie is reverie, but not prayer. In prayer the body should be relaxed and quiet, but the mind should be active. This is especially true at the beginning of prayer, when one enters into worship, thanksgiving and praise. At the close of the prayer time, it is always wise to be relaxed and receptive, to wait upon the Lord and to seek to know His will.

3. Why is a church essential to the life of the Christian religion? (Dr. Davis).

This question may be answered categorically, or it may be answered inferentially, or it may be answered according to the purpose of the Kingdom of Heaven. It may be said that the new term, essential, applies to the purpose of Him Who founded the church. Christ seemed to think that the church was necessary for His purposes and we may accept that as the chief essential. But in view of the fact that the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of Christ is in the widest sense free, comprehensive, and universal; that it has no particularly holy season and days, that it has no particularly holy place, that it has no particular priesthood, then may arise the question, why should there be an organization, a church, in different localities. I am taking the church here in the sense of a local community, a local organization of Christians. The purpose of the Kingdom is that Christ has named this group (a church) as an instrument in time and place to bring in the Kingdom, that is, to bring the Kingdom to men and women. The Kingdom is not subject to time

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and place. But man is subject to time and place. There must be a creative fellowship and there must be a time at which to meet and a place in which to meet. So, of necessity, to carry out the plans of the Kingdom of Heaven, there must be a specified body to meet at a specified time in a specified place.

4. How shall the youth of today deal with denominational differences? (Dr. Pierce).

Dr. John A. Broadus once said that much is said about youth being up with the times. He said the first need is for youth to catch up with the times, and by that he meant—know history. Young people today should go back and find out the essential reason each denomination had for arising, and then find out whether that denomination has fulfilled its purpose, and in finding out that, they can find out what attitude to take with regard to denominational differences.

5. Is it wrong to turn to God only when we need His help? (Mrs. Eubank).

I wouldn't say it is exactly wrong, but I would say that the person who does that is missing out on one of the greatest experiences of life. The great heart of the Creator Father is so open to the needs of His children that there is always response. However, the person who does not turn to God as a natural part of his everyday life, realizing that "In Him we live and move and have our being," is missing a great deal that he should have.

6. What arguments can be presented to show that Christianity, in spite of all the weaknesses of its adherents, has not really failed in the modern world? (Dr. Davis).

That phrase, "in spite of all the weaknesses of its adherents," holds me, because all of the adherents, all of those who name the Name of Jesus Christ have weaknesses. It is not in the light of their weaknesses but it is in the light of their strength that we must speak. So long as there is one person who does live, in some measure, what we may call the Christian life, then there has been no failure in this modern world because just one demonstrates that it can be done. Christianity must first have a trial before it can fail. There are many who are trying to live that life today in fact, there are more Christians today than have ever been in the history of the world. That is my final answer.

7. How shall I act towards others who do things which I believe are wrong but which they do not believe to be wrong?

I should, of course, act with Christian courtesy and consideration. We are instructed by the Master of Life Himself to love even our enemies and real love includes an active, courteous helpfulness to all. However, this does not mean agreeing with these people, nor altering our own conduct to suit theirs. There is such a very wide latitude between the things thought wrong by some Christians and those thought wrong by others that we need to differentiate carefully between real wrongs and things that just seem wrong. We need much more courage to do the right, more courage to speak up for the right. But we need also to speak and to act with justice and courtesy.

—DR—

Dr. B. D. Ragsdale was elected for the forty-fifth consecutive year as Recording Secretary of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Luther J. Holcomb, Nashville, Tennessee, has just closed a special series with the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson is the pastor.

At the recent meeting of the American College of Hospital Administrators, held in Toronto, Canada, Dr. R. E. Beddoe was awarded membership because of his excellent management of the Baptist Hospital in Wuchow, China.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, recently returned from a meeting of the joint committees on Public Relations of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions, at Washington, D. C. While at the Capitol he preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the meeting of the Baptist Association of the District of Columbia.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

"If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place."—2 Chronicles 7:14-15.

I

The Mississippi Baptist Convention—your Convention—His Convention—voted to set a goal in finances for 1940 at \$225,000.00 for all causes, a chief emphasis being on the Cooperative Program.

How you may help do this: First, Bring your tithes and offerings to the House of the Lord regularly. What other plan is mentioned in the Book other than 10%—100%!

Second, get your church to increase the percentage going to causes beyond local church needs. First Church, West Point, J. A. Stewart, pastor, gives 40% beyond local church expenses. What other churches come in this group? We would like to list them. We are informed First Church, Canton, C. Z. Holland, pastor, and, First Church, Leland, Jas. B. Leavell, pastor, give 33 1/3% beyond local church expenses. What other churches come in this group? Does your church give 25-15-10-5-2-0% to the Cause of Christ around the world? This always concerned us as pastor. Does that local new building, or, that added local equipment, or, extra employed local help mean thousands around the world will die without knowledge of Christ? Such thoughts always probed our heart!

Third, you may help by having your treasurers send all offerings through this office—your office. It means not one penny to us. It does mean playing the game in the spirit of Christ. We be brethren!

It does mean emphasis in His work! It does make for unity! It does sound out in testimony! When we sound out word about what Mississippi Baptists give the Lord Jesus we can only speak authoritatively of what comes through the only office representing all Causes of all Mississippi Baptists.

II

Last Spring we heard it intimated from one source that offerings were delayed at this office. We looked into it and found it not true. In the Baptist Record we stated remittances were made regularly each month and offered to remit daily to any agency desiring it. We will not let the Cause of our Christ be hindered if in our power to prevent.

III

On October 2nd, we distributed to all causes, agencies.

On November 2nd, we distributed to all causes.

On September 6th, we did the same for that month.

On August 3rd, we did the same.

On July 8th, the same.

On June 9th, the same.

On May 3rd, the same, etc.

We repeat we will gladly remit weekly for any agency, or, do it daily if they desire it.

Yes, we be brethren in Christ.

Thus, marching together with Him, Mississippi Baptists may bring \$225,000 and more into His work! We desire it to come into this common denominational treasury simply that it may be counted for His glory! You help! We put every penny to the purpose stated!

IV

Minister's Retirement Conferences are yet to be held during December at HATTIESBURG, 8th, at 5 p. m.; TUPELO, 11th, at 5 p. m.; GRENADA, 14th, at 5 p. m., and CLARKSDALE, 15th at 5 p. m. Pastors and deacons present at each place will be the supper guests of the Annuity Board. No limit as to number, but please notify local leaders as to number to expect.

V

Regional one-day Evangelistic Conferences for 1940 will be held at: Natchez, January 29th; McComb, 30th; Poplarville, 31st; Biloxi, February 1st; Waynesboro, 2nd; Winona, 5th; Leland, 6th; Senatobia, 7th; Iuka, 8th; and, Louisville, 9th. This time we largely follow the borders of the state.

Dr. R. Q. Leavell will be with us both weeks. Other speakers will be announced soon. All meetings will run from 9:30 a. m.-9 p. m.

(Through a serious conflict in dates the State Evangelistic meeting will be announced later).

VI

Corrections to the \$5,454.18 Mississippi Woman's College fund: Add, \$50.00 by L. T. Lowrey, \$50.00 by J. N. McMillin, \$6.00 by Miss Emma Laird—the \$50.00 by L. T. Lowrey and the \$6.00 by Miss Laird are paid in cash. The \$100 item marked (pd.), not paid.

Mrs. W. B. Harris came by, leaving \$100.00 cash for Mississippi Woman's College Endowment.

No quitting in that spirit! Our Lord needs heroes and heroines of the Faith!

VII

Pastor J. H. Avery, Meridian, writes of the Church Loyalty Emphasis: "It might be of interest that the 'jumped-up' attendance upon the first Sunday of our Campaign caused an increase in our offering above that of our average offering to a little more than pay the total printing bill for all that we had printed for the campaign, about thirty-five dollars. We are still getting results. This plan will work if one will work it. It is ideal but simple and practical. Any church can put it on that wants to and is willing to work a little. The results are immediate."

VIII

Will your church make a special offering the 53rd (extra) Lord's Day to help meet obligations on His Cause?

Will you help put the Mississippi Baptist Convention out of debt by 1945 or before, by helping double the 5 M Club?

IX

A comparison of November receipts:

	Budget	Desig.	5M Club	Total
1939.....	\$9,158.40	\$8,637.16	\$1,784.12	\$19,579.68
1938.....	\$6,198.80	\$6,652.48	\$1,119.24	\$13,970.52
Gain	\$2,959.60	\$1,984.68	\$664.88	\$5,069.16

Only June and October 1939 of the last seven months have been "below" in receipts. The other five have been ahead in 1-2 or all 3 columns.

"From over hill and plain

There comes the signal strain,

'Tis loyalty, loyalty, loyalty to Christ;

Its music rolls along.

The hills take up the song,

Of loyalty, loyalty, yes, loyalty to Christ!"

—BR—

The church at Lena has called Rev. A. A. Ward and he will begin his service as pastor there Jan. 1. He will give half time to Lena and continue to give half time at Tuscola, living at Lena. His churches have a way of growing.

There is a fine opportunity now for somebody to be the first under the changed constitution of our state to include in his will a gift to one of our Baptist institutions. The privilege given us doesn't mean anything unless those whom the Lord has blessed with this world's goods avail themselves of it. The door will be open to build and endow Christian institutions as soon as the legislature passes finally on the mortmain amendment. Who'll be the first?

The Baptist Bible Institute is seeking to extend the benefits of Christian training to those who cannot go to New Orleans. It announces a new plan for "groups or families" whereby a reduced enrollment fee is charged for classes of six or more including the teacher or leader. Most of the courses and textbooks are the same as those being followed in the Institute day classes. Full information may be had upon request. Address the Secretary of the Correspondence Department, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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There are some who have a large part in our W.M.U. work that the majority of us never hear about. Mother-hearts and sister-hearts, who in the silent recesses of quiet country homes live to love and serve and pray.

One such slipped away from us this past week. Her big mission in life was to help others—her biggest work was to prepare for our W.M.U. a Secretary, who has served faithfully these twenty-four years. We all regard her as one of the faithful but never could she have accomplished the work if there had not been the mother-hearted sister Jennie back in her country home, who was a mother to her from twelve years of age.

This sister—this only sister—fell suddenly asleep last Tuesday evening. She was Mrs. Jennie Traylor Shows. You would need to know her in order to appreciate her genuine worth.

Now that she is gone let us all be a little more loving, more kindly, more gentle to our Secretary.

—M. M. Lackey.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

Something that will last the whole year and will "plant seed" that will bring forth fruit in the years to come. For your boys and girls under sixteen years of age—"World Comrades" and it will help to girdle the world with friendliness. It is the best story book you can have coming to your home each month! For the young woman in your home—a WINDOW—"The Window of Y.W.A." These magazines cost just \$1.00 each per year. Some lovely cards have been designed by students at the Training School to be sent as announcements that the magazines are being sent as gifts. Send the subscription to 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. If each person reading this would send one each of the magazines as subscriptions you would not only be spreading "Christmas Cheer" but Missionary information.

(All who attended camp last summer will remember with interest, lovely Alice Wong of China who meant so much to us. A recent letter from her bears thanks to all of you who have remembered her in so many gracious ways as she studies at the Baptist Bible Institute.)
Dear Miss Robinson:

I have been intended writing you a long time and tell you how sweet all the Mississippi Y. W.A.'s and G.A.'s. Almost every one of those associations they sent me a box of love gift with prayer to me. Many of them wrote me very sweet letters that I ever have before. Now I have so many soaps and towels and tissue papers, etc., it will last me more than two years. I am so thankful for His love and care. I am deeply thankful for you all all has done for China and for me so much. I know I have no way to return your great love. But I learn the lesson from you. That is—share with others what we have. The thing only our Christian have is His love, His salvation. Let us pray boldly, earnestly, consecrately for the lost souls.

Last Saturday I went to visit six Chinese homes in New Orleans. I met over 15 people in their homes, but none of them are Christians. Many of them had been to Chinese Mission. They went there but does not get the best thing but went to learn English. Now they know enough to carry on their business they will not go any more. I am sorry for them. My heart is burning for the lost friends here. We are planning to ask Mr. Lee to hold a Chinese New Year revival meeting here. We have a Chinese

weekly prayer meeting here every Tuesday 6:00 P. M. Please join our prayer.

Again I am deeply thank you for your love and care.

With much love and thanks,
Alice Wong.

Receipts by Home Mission Board for 1939 Annie W. Armstrong Offering

Alabama	\$ 8,089.11
Arizona	298.54
Arkansas	4,795.90
D. C.	365.52
Florida	5,880.72
Georgia	12,455.28
Illinois	1,001.53
Kentucky	10,857.83
Louisiana	7,759.10
Maryland	1,572.51
Mississippi	10,361.67
Missouri	7,756.49
New Mexico	610.30
North Carolina	14,425.21
Oklahoma	6,756.55
South Carolina	9,867.82
Tennessee	10,313.45
Texas	19,209.08
Virginia	17,023.26
Miscellaneous	96.00
	\$149,495.87

Less amount returned to W.M.U. of
Tennessee

\$147,995.87

You will observe in the tabulation above that Mississippi W.M.U. came sixth in the amounts given to the Annie W. Armstrong offering last March. Will we hold that place for the Lottie Moon Offering?

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Hazlehurst, Miss.
Nov. 15, 1939.

Dear Co-worker:

We are now in the second quarter of our District year. I hope we will be able to accomplish much in our efforts to make Jesus real to those with whom we come in contact. We realize it takes prayer and love to do real personal service. There is so much unrest and uncertainty, and so many have become so indifferent and discouraged they need love and sympathy, and we as Christian workers must be busy about our Master's work.

I am enclosing some suggestive activities which may help you to outline your work for your chairman. I found as an associational chairman I got better results by sending my chairmen quarterly outlines. Of course they were subject to change to suit their community needs but it seemed to inspire greater effort. Of course there are many other things to do from time to time, as Thanksgiving boxes to our Orphanage, cards to old and shut-in members, Christmas gifts to our aged ministers, etc.

Sorry more of our chairmen could not attend our officer's clinic as Mrs. Goodrich had a splendid conference.

Praying God's richest blessing on all your efforts, I am

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. J. L. Angus.

Much good has been done in the past by people who gave The Baptist Record as a Christmas present to friends. We shall be glad to send it with a Christmas card from you to any one, and it will remind them of your kindness every week in the year.

CHRISTMAS EVE, 1939

E. S. Campbell

—o—

God Speaks:

Where have you been my Son,
And why the sad face that you wear!

Then the Son:

I have been to the earth to see
What the people were doing there.

And the Father Again:

And what were they doing, my Son,
That you weep so bitterly?

Then Spake the Crucified One:

Well, Father, it was this, you see
The people were killing each other
Just like they crucified me.

—BR—

At Canton First Church additions to the church are made at nearly every service. A new B.T.U. has been organized and will be known as Senior Union Number 2.

First Church, Springfield, Mo., of which Dr. B. Locke Davis is pastor, made out a budget for 1940 of \$26,704, and it has been over-subscribed.

The church house at Farmhaven in Madison County was dedicated last Sunday. Brother Bryan Simmons, who was pastor when the church building was started participated in the dedication. Dr. A. A. Kitchings of Mississippi College is the present efficient pastor.

The plan of having a rotation in the office of deacons was adopted by the church at Forest last Sunday. One group was elected for one year, another for two years and a third for three years, so that one-third of them go out of office or may be re-elected every year. This is a good democratic principle, and may prevent undesirables being petrified and perpetuated in office. The young men's class has in three years grown from four to eighty. Recently they made a Thanksgiving offering to the Orphanage of over \$100.00.

Kreole Baptist Church met on the afternoon of November 26th to ordain Rev. A. V. Faggard into the Gospel ministry. Brother Faggard was recently converted and called of God into the ministry while Rev. S. E. Nix was pastor of the church. The people at Kreole believe in brother Faggard and are expecting a great work at Wade, Miss., where he has been called as pastor. The ordaining council was composed of Rev. Montie Davis, chairman; Rev. V. C. Windham, clerk; Rev. S. E. Nix preached ordination sermon, and Rev. J. C. Taylor. The deacons present were: Mr. Roy Goff and Mr. J. A. Faggard. Blessings be upon this servant of God.—Reporter.

I recently preached and Joe Canzoneri sang in a mighty good meeting, First Baptist Church, Anna, Illinois. There were 61 additions, 50 of them for baptism and 11 by letter. Also there were three conversions after the last service closed. They probably joined the church yesterday. Dr. Joe L. Wells is the pastor. They cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention. This was my first experience north of the Ohio River, but it was a very refreshing one. Baptists, real Baptists—and lots of them up there. Joe Canzoneri was never in better trim and I think never did a better piece of work. We are well into our 13th year here at Grandview. Blessings on you.—J. R. Kyzar.

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DOING THINGS WITH THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

By J. W. Fagan
Keeping Faith With Those Who
Invested Wisely

One of the high hours at the
Convention in Jackson was when
hundreds of messengers pledged to
give one day's salary this month to
help Mississippi Baptists meet their
obligations. As a member of the
Five Thousand Club we welcome
this opportunity and believe that
most members of the club will be
glad to give one day's salary over
and above to help out.

Many pledged not only to give
themselves but to seek to lead oth-
ers to do likewise. We appeal to
all who read this to cooperate by
giving the day's wages and lead-
ing others to do so.

If all who have belonged to the
Five Thousand Club and all who be-
long now would pay up to date,
Mississippi Baptists would begin the
New Year with all due obligations
paid.

In the Convention it was suggest-
ed that the fifty-third Sunday in
this year be set apart as debt
paying Sunday. Representatives
from many churches agreed to carry
this suggestion to their churches.
If this movement could be given
publicity and preparation made for
it, there is no telling what could
happen among Mississippi Baptists
on that day.

Let every member of the Five
Thousand Club work and pray to
make this 53rd Sunday debt pay-
ing campaign a success in every
church in the state. Talk to the
pastor about it, talk with all the
members of the church about it.
Talk to the Lord about it. This
53rd Sunday proposition can mean
much to Mississippi Baptists.

We have a great missionary God,
a great missionary Saviour, a great
missionary Holy Spirit, a great
missionary message, a great mis-
sionary mission, and a great mis-
sionary opportunity. We have fields
white unto harvest, waiting for the
reaper to come. Here we stand,

273,000, waiting to move a little
debt. Pray for Mississippi Baptists
and this debt paying movement on
this 53rd Sunday.

Jesus gave His all to remove the
last barrier in the way of man's
Salvation and complete redemption.
Hell tried to stop Him and turn
Him back from the cross. Hell does
not want men saved. Now is my
opportunity and yours to give of
our substance to remove our press-
ing obligations. The plan is to give
one day's salary and lead others to
do it, and to give the church offer-
ing on the 53rd Sunday to debts of
Mississippi Baptists. Pray for this
movement.

The tentative program for Mis-
sissippi Baptists as suggested is the
best thing we have seen in years.
When all of us get behind this
program, a new day will dawn for
Mississippi Baptists.

B. S. U. ACTIVITIES AT B. M. C.

B. S. U. work has taken a strong
foothold at Blue Mountain this year.
Every phase of it has been marked
by enthusiasm and joyous conse-
cration, and the spirit of sincerity
seems to be even greater than ever.

The first signs of "coming back
to life" after the summer vacation
period was the Fall Retreat, a meet-
ing of the B. S. U. Council mem-
bers held annually on the campus
three days before the official open-
ing of the college. It is during these
days of worship, fellowship, and
prayer that the B. S. U. plans for
the coming year are discussed and
worked out carefully and with much
thought under the guidance of Stu-
dent Secretary Mary D. Yarborough.
The work of these three days always
insures B. S. U. a sound footing on
which to build the religious activi-
ties for the college year ahead.

With such a good start, B. S. U.
progressed by leaps and bounds just
as soon as the rest of the college
family arrived. One of our first
aims was to have every girl a mem-
ber of the local church. Conse-
quently, on the first Sunday of the
school year, we launched a sweep-
ing membership drive which brought
gratifying results: practically ev-
ery new girl on campus joined the
local church by transfer of letter.
With this campus-wide manifesta-
tion of religious interest, the B. T.
U., Y. W. A., and various Sunday
school classes took up the chal-
lenge, and, by the end of the first
month, B. S. U. had definitely
established itself into the very heart
of our campus life.

It is also during that first busy
month of school that we emphasize
subscription to the Southern Bap-
tist publications for college stu-
dents. The Baptist Student and the
Window were advertised in every
corner of our campus, and the re-
sults of this year's strenuous cam-
paign proved that our efforts had
been more successful than ever.

Another attractive feature of the
B. S. U. is a daily noon-day prayer
meeting. This five or ten-minute
period after the noon meal is en-
tirely voluntary and has been mark-
ed by such large attendance that
our student room cannot hold all
who wish to come. These moments

of peace and quiet, coming at the
very center of our college activities
have brought many inspiring and
lasting thoughts to brighten and
deepen our spiritual lives.

Once in every year we bring to
the campus some distinguished per-
sonality to teach our B. S. U. study
course. This year Dr. Swan Ha-
worth and Miss Roxie Jacobs pre-
sented courses in "Pilgrim's Pro-
gress in B. T. U." and "Christian
Leadership," respectively. Over 50
percent of the student body was
present at either one or the other
of these study courses and had the
privilege of becoming personally
acquainted with two delightful in-
dividuals. Our study course this year
was one of the most successful we
can remember on our campus and
has proved to be a great blessing.

Every Sunday afternoon about
twenty Blue Mountain girls "in-
dulse" in a strictly voluntary extra-
curricular activity which illustrates
service with a capital S. In the
outlying districts of our town the
B. S. U. maintains four mission
Sunday schools among the poor
whites and the Negro families who
would otherwise never know any-
thing of Christ and His message of
cheer and comfort. The mission
meetings are held right in the homes
of these poverty-stricken people, the
average attendance for all four mis-
sions being sixty per Sunday. Noth-
ing can compare with the radiance
and happiness that shines on the
faces of these girls who return from
the "mission fields" each Sunday
afternoon just before the ringing of
the first supper bell.

Were anyone to ask a member of
the B. S. U. Council (or most any-

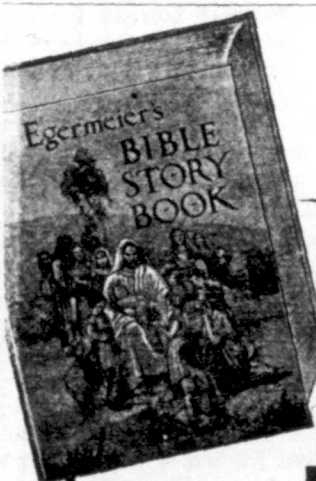
one else on the campus, for that
matter!) the question, "What's the
latest?" the answer would undoubt-
edly be this: "Why, the B. S. U.
Building of course! Haven't you
heard. . . ?" And the questioner
would be overwhelmed forthwith by
a deluge of enthusiasm about this
latest enterprise, founded and car-
ried out wholly by Faith. At the
present moment, our long-awaited
B. S. U. Building is at a point of
becoming a reality—in fact the plans
have already been drawn up, and
all but a small fraction of the neces-
sary cash is available. We expect
to move into this wonderful new
building by June, and, when it is
finished, we are told that it will
be one of the finest religious build-
ings in the South. Its presence on
our campus shall be a challenge to
greater and more consecrated ser-
vice to the Master whom we serve.
It is our sepreme desire and the
aim of our B. S. U. that the name
Blue Mountain stand for Christ.—
Marion Dempsey, B. M. C. Reporter.

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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
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Lesson for December 10
Examples of the Effects of the Gospel.

Matthew, Chapters 11 and 12

Introduction: Get the Bible right now and read these chapters. I wrote the foregoing sentence, took my Bible and read both the chapters again. Well, have you done it now? Good! See how the opposition to Jesus is growing more intense and bitter. The King is being rejected, the Lord is being denied. But as this rejection and denial become more pronounced, the Lord asserts His regal rights and Messianic authority with ever increasing clearness. Here in these chapters Matthew has gathered a series of incidents in each of which our Lord makes a startling claim.

I. Answer to John the Baptist.
Matt. 11:1-15.

Only a few months before the incident recorded here John was recognized as the greatest preacher of his generation, listened to by great throngs of people who traveled long distances to hear his thunderous messages. He had borne witness to Jesus as the One who comes to baptize in the Holy Spirit. Now John is in a dungeon of a prison located in one of the dreariest spots on earth, on the northeast coast of the Dead Sea, confined there because of his uncompromising denunciation of the incestuous life of the king. John was in bewilderment, perplexed because he had misunderstood the character of Messiah's way and walk and work. He had expected Jesus to do things the violent way. "Even now is the ax laid at the root of every tree." The bad are to be hewn down now, right away, thought John. "His fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly cleanse His threshing floor; and He will gather His wheat into His garner, but the chaff He will burn up with unquenchable fire." When will this be, John? John would have answered, "Right away."

But Jesus had come and had begun His work, and had not only not done what John had thought and said He would do, but even when John got into prison, Jesus had seemed to go on unheeding. John was bewildered. You would have been bewildered, too. Oh, yes, you would! And that not only, but you have been bewildered as badly over things of much less consequence. You have thought the Lord would do thus and so, and instead of that, the Lord has done so and thus. So you have wept and sighed and said, "I can't understand it; why does He treat me so?" So John sent to Jesus and made inquiry of Him.

Somebody heard the question of John's disciples, the question which John had told them to ask Jesus, and some of those who heard it doubtless said, "So the bold John is not so brave, now that he is in jail. While he was out in the woods, he talked big about men whom He call-

ed 'broods of vipers,' and all that stuff. But he got pinched, and now he sets up a squall." So the Lord spoke in John's defense, the finest defense ever uttered by one man in behalf of another. "Great as the greatest ever born of woman, is John."

II. Two Striking Similes. Vv. 16-19.

Here begins the printed text of the lesson. "What is this generation like? I tell you what the people of this generation are like." So Jesus employs two similes: They are like a crowd of little children playing wedding and afterwards playing funeral. They may not have been playing wedding, but they were at least playing dance. "Let's play something." "All right, let's play dance. I'll blow the fife." "I'll play the saxophone." "I'll play the French harp." Here they go! R-o-o-dle-oodle-oodle, rad-le-adle-adle, rid-dle-iddle! But nobody danced! The little pipers stopped, and said, "Why don't you dance?" "Don't want to play dance." "All right, we'll play funeral. I'll weep and you mourn. Boo-hoo! Boo-hoo! Oh, M-e-e! Boo-hoo." But nobody mourned. "Why don't you mourn?" "Don't want to play that, either." Lord said, "That's the way you are. Here came John, abstemious in his habits, fasting and praying, living the strict life of a Nazirite, and these people shake their heads and say, 'That fellow's got the devil in him,' and then the Son of Man came, eating and drinking, laughing and talking, like the happy man he is, and the same folks shake their heads and say, 'That fellow's too frisky, runs around with the wrong sort of folks.'"

You know some folks like that not far from where you live. Oh, yes, you do! Nothing the church does ever quite suits them. Only preacher they like is the one who has been buried there at the church for 25 or 30 years now, or the one who went off somewhere else a year or two after the war, old brother Fortenberry, or Schillings, or Metts, or Hewlett. "Oh, yes, he died 'fore the war, but he shore was a good one, and we ain't had nary one like 'im since."

III. Danger of Indifference.
Vv. 20-24.

Our Lord names three cities where He had labored and predicts an awful fate for each of them. They have all gone down into the graveyard of cities. Nobody knows certainly where any one of them stood.

What was the sin of these cities? Only this: They were indifferent to the truth, indifferent to their own best interests, indifferent to Christ. Just indifferent, that's all. But, isn't that enough? That a man should turn his back on the Son of God? That a man should pay no attention to the truth? That a man should give the consent of indifference to the damnation of his own soul? That a man should be indifferent to himself, a man for whom Christ died, and thus let Christ's death be in vain, in his own case?

From these verses men sometimes deduce the teaching that there are degrees of punishment in hell. Hell is worse for some than for others. It will be "more tolerable" for some than for others. "More tolerable" for the land of Sodom in the day of

judgment than for Capernaum." Seems to me that the ringleaders in the devilry which is desecrating and desolating the earth today will rightly receive sorer punishment than their followers. Degrees in hell? Seems sensible to me.

IV. Thanksgiving, Authority, Invitation. Vv. 25-30.

1. Thanksgiving. Vv. 25, 26. The condition of receiving the gospel is lowliness of spirit, not loftiness of brain. The greatest intellects that have graced this earth have been faithful to Him, but the faith which saved them did not spring from intellectual acumen, but from a submissive heart. Wherever you see a great man, a really great man, a humble Christian, you may know at once that here is a man approachable, of humble, sympathetic, gracious heart, childlike in his trust of the goodness of God.

2. Authority. V. 27. All things have been delivered unto me of my Father. "Sounds like, 'All authority hath been delivered unto me in heaven and on earth.' All things are in His hands. No one comes to know the father but through the Son, through the Son's witnesses, through the Son's church, through the Spirit of the Son.

3. Invitation. Vv. 28-30. "Hither unto me." "I will give." Rest of soul is the gift of God. It is without price. We can not do anything to deserve it, except to take it as a gift. "Ye that labor." "Take my

yoke upon you," to help you work, to make you successful in your work, to get you at the right work, and to give you the right helper in the work. "Ye that . . . are heavy laden," exchange the load of your self-imposed tortures and exactions and the observance of senseless ceremonials, for what I shall require of you; for as compared in all things with yours, my burden is light."

V. Arguments of Chapter Twelve.

1. He is Lord of the Sabbath. 12:1-4.

2. He is the One for Whom the prophets looked. 12:15-21.

3. A Dumb Man Delivered. 12:22-37.

The miracle itself, the false accusations, and the consequent teachings regarding: (a) Himself, (b) Unpardonable Sin, (c) Inner goodness, (d) Importance of our words.

4. Declaring His Pre-eminence. 12:38-42.

5. Peril of Self-reformation. 12:43-45.

6. What Kinship to Christ Is. 12:46-50.

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The Fidelis class of the Young People's department, Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, Mrs. L. R. Williams, teacher, and the Euzelian class of the Adult department, Clinton, Mrs. M. Latimer, teacher, recently qualified as Standard for their first time.

We extend congratulations to these teachers, the class officers, and the entire membership on this very fine achievement. Standard classes are better classes. And the same goes for departments and schools.

Carroll County

Carroll County has made a rather remarkable record of advancement this year in at least two respects. They have come from no Vacation Bible schools last year to ten this year, and from no training awards, in even one church, to eleven churches reporting 102 awards this year.

Mr. J. N. Daves is the fine associational Sunday school superintendent and Mr. Earl Waldrup—now a ministerial student in Mississippi College—is the efficient teacher training leader. They have worked hard and some splendid results have followed.

Building a Great Sunday School

The following article was part of an examination paper that was handed in at the close of a recent Sunday school course of study. It shows the wisdom of this fine worker, and we pass it on for the good of the readers:

The first step in building a great Sunday school is to know your people. Outside of census, church roll, or any other helps to locate members, one must constantly be on the lookout for new prospects, and soon a number of people will show their willingness to tell of those they happen to know or hear about. Keep alert and train members to be constantly watchful to bring others.

As the organization enlarges and more classes are formed for suitable groups and ages, members will come and find others. There's nothing helps so much as having congenial ages and types grouped together.

Adequate space is the hardest and seemingly the most impossible difficulty, but a constant study should be made of using every inch of available space perhaps with curtains, partitions, etc. Give each group its own space for its lesson to be taught.

Surely officers and teachers feel keenly the need of training and they and the whole organization should regard this as most important of all. Study courses, institutes, periodical Sunday school magazines, and all helps possible should be utilized in this the biggest teaching business in the world. Then with superintendents to check up and help, and definite reports to make, surely all would be inspired to do

their utmost in their group.

Nothing can take the place of visitation. It may be called by many other terms but after all the most important means of keeping up the whole working of a great Sunday school organization is Personal Contact—nothing can take its place—whether directed, definite, systematic visitation, or just plain "goin' to see them."

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SERIOUS YOUTH PROBLEM A CHALLENGE TO LEADERS

By J. E. Gwatkin

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The use of narcotics in the United States has reached proportions far beyond the knowledge of most people who have not made a study of that subject. Competent writers consider it our greatest social menace, especially to the young. The problem is many-sided. The danger usually begins with what many falsely suppose to be the harmless cigarette, then extends to recognized deadly marihuana, to alcohol and to all the derivatives of opium. Students of the subject recognize the close connection between all of these, with the frequent progression from the lesser to the greater evil.

The seriousness of this is seen in the fact that of the millions of "dope fiends" only a small per cent were not first enslaved to tobacco, and of marihuana addicts practically all began with the cigarette. A few acquired the "dope" habit by having narcotics prescribed by physicians to relieve pain, but that number is very small. The vast majority had the habit gradually grow on them beginning with the use of tobacco.

That habit was acquired innocently enough, in most cases, and unconsciously gained such power that now they cannot throw it off. The imitative nature of boys and girls naturally leads them to do what they see others doing. That spirit of bravado which induces them to "try anything once" is often responsible for the first cigarette, or cocktail, or "reefer," or "shot." These inexperienced youths are not to be so much scolded or blamed, as instructed and warned. No helpless addict ever purposed to become such. It was the first cigarette, cocktail or beer that caught them. If they had only known! If only some trusted person had informed them of the nature of all narcotics! If only an older person—maybe a parent, or teacher, or pastor—had not set them the example!

Parents, teachers, pastors, leaders of all kinds, it is worse than useless to scold them. Teach them, inform them of the true nature of these things and thus win and save them to themselves, to society and to the kingdom of God. Before you will do that it is necessary that you be thoroughly aroused to the nature and extent of this menace and determined to do your duty in fighting it. The home, the church, and society today have not a greater enemy. It is high time the seriousness of the situation were realized. Reliable, scientific, up-to-date, information is available and free. Will you avail yourselves of it and help save our precious youth? Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

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W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, La.

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On one of the recent missionary journeys made by the Baptist Bible Institute students they found a large community in which there was no Sunday school and no Baptist work.

In seeking a building they were directed to a Methodist building which was in such condition that it was not at all desirable. The people became so interested in the possibility of a Sunday school for their children, that they offered to repair the roof and rehabilitate the auditorium if a Bible Institute student would come and teach and preach.

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(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My Dear Children:

I'm delighted with the financial report for November. We said that we wanted to do better and we did. To all the good friends who helped to make it something to be proud of, we are deeply grateful. This week we have offerings from the Primary Department of the Magee Sunday School, the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of Davis School, Shubuta, Rt. 1., Nina Jane Baker, Marguerite Nations, Virginia Fore, and Fannie Mae Henley. Whether your gift is counted in pennies or dollars, you may know that it is appreciated by those to whom it goes, and, too, that if you were generous that your Heavenly Father is pleased.

Don't forget to send in your little stories or articles on the subjects which I gave you last week.

With love,

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STORY

(Continued from Last Week)

Paul's Welcome at Jerusalem
Read Acts 21:17-40

When the mob saw the chief captain they stopped beating Paul. The captain, thinking he was some desperate criminal, seized Paul and ordered that he be bound with two chains and asked, "Who is he? What has he done?" Some of the crowd roared one thing and some another so that no one could tell what they said. The chief captain ordered him to be taken to the castle; when they came to the stairs leading up to the castle, the soldiers had to carry Paul to save him from being killed by the people, for they followed after him, crying "Away with him! Kill him!"

As the soldiers were taking Paul to lock him up in the castle, he said to the chief captain, "May I speak with you?" Now there had been before this time a man from Egypt who had deceived the Jews. He had pretended to be a prophet and had persuaded many to follow him into the wilderness and caused them to be killed. When the chief captain saw Paul in the hands of the angry Jews, he thought Paul was that Egyptian, so he asked, "Are you not that Egyptian who led men out into the wilderness?" Paul answered, "No, I am a Jew who was born in Tarsus. I beg you, let me speak to the people."

Shaw, Miss.

Nov. 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little girl ten years old. I am in the fifth grade in school. Miss Flicker is my teacher. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. Mrs. Walker is my Sunday School teacher. We surely do miss brother L. T. Greer, but we have a good preacher, brother Sledge. He preaches every second and fourth Sunday. We go to Lynn Sunday School. Brother L. T. Greer was a good preacher, and we did not want to leave Boyle. We like our new home at Lynn. We used to have to walk to Sunday School, but they got a school bus to run to take us to Sunday School. I saw Mavis Grace Moody's name in the Record. She is my cousin.

With love, your friend,

Mavis Frances Gorden.

Olive Branch, Miss.
November 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We have been enjoying the Thanksgiving poems and the letters from our new members. It is going to be hard for the judges to decide which poem is the best.

Mrs. Mize wrote some interesting articles about the orphans and their

new buildings. We are hoping they will receive more this Thanksgiving than ever before. I am sending a little extra gift for them with my Jeannie Lipsey club dues for November.

With love,

Fannie Mae Henley.

Shubuta, Miss., Rt. 1

November 27, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed you will find \$1.10 for the Orphanage. This was collected from the pupils of the Davis School, 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Not all of them contributed, but we did the best we could. We decided for each to give a nickel and send to the orphans' home for our Thanksgiving donation. We hope they will enjoy every penny.

Sincerely,

Teacher (Mrs. Mabry Graham);
Pupils: S. T. Brown, Milton McCoy, Junior Arnold, Euna Lois Fugh, Howell Pugh, John Ray Thompson, Nellee Mae Thompson, Josephine Stanley, Lewis Stanley, E. W. Williams, Lois Williams, John A. Williams, Maurice Graham, Cecil Waller, Juanita Waller, Lamar Graham, Joyce Rainwater, Lois Applin, Maxine Gatlin, Mary Joyce Graham, Katie McCoy.

Sontag, Miss.

November 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Baptist Record. I am a little girl ten years old. I have light brown hair and dark blue eyes and am in the fifth grade.

I became a member of the Shiloh Baptist Church last summer. I read the Baptist Record almost every time. My grandmother has been sick for about 11 weeks, so I haven't been where I could go to Sunday School. I go all I can though.

I am going to send 10 cents for what it is needed most.

I thought I would enter the poem contest so I wrote the story on the next page.

Your new friend,

Marguerite Nations.

Oakland, Miss.

Route 2

November 23, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle, which I enjoy reading very much. I am eight years old. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Rowland. I like her very much. I go to Sunday School most every Sunday. Enclosed in this letter is five cents for the orphans.

Your friend,

Nina Jean Baker.

Baptist Home,

Jackson, Miss.

November 24, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele and friends:

Just a few lines to express my appreciation and gratefulness to the Baptists of Mississippi. We are very thankful for the Thanksgiving gifts we are receiving. We also thank you for our new dining room. We hope to let you know in every possible way how much we appreciate it.

Your friend,

Stella Roper.

Blue Mountain, Miss.

November 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write you. I read the Baptist Record every week and enjoy it very much. I want to join your Circle. I am a little girl ten years old and am in the sixth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Gibson Callicutt. Hope all

the girls and boys will write to me.

Lovingly,

Marie Bryant.

Magee, Miss.

November 26, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

We want to show our thanks this Thanksgiving by sending the Orphanage a small gift. We have \$1.60 we want to send the Home.

God has been good to us this year and we had a very happy Thanksgiving. We hope the children in the Home did too.

With love,

Primary Dept., Magee Baptist Church.

Star, Miss.

November 25, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Here I come, from Clear Branch. It has been a long time since we have sent a letter. I am a little girl eleven, in the fifth grade. We have four teachers, three in school and one music teacher. We all have a good time. I have four pets, three cats and one puppy named Bob, and I still love my dolls. I am in hope I will get one for X'mas. I go to Sunday School, also B.Y.P.U. I enjoy going. Miss Jonnie Pink Sandifer is my Sunday School teacher.

About two months ago Mrs. Grantham carried her Junior class to the Orphans' Home. We had a nice trip.

I want to enter your Circle for children. I am also sending a poem.

Your new friend,

Nell Byrd.

Rome, Miss.

November 24, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am writing a letter to the Children's Circle for my first time. I am a little girl eight years old. I am studying the fourth grade. I ate Thanksgiving supper with my married sister. It was her birthday. I used to be crippled but I was carried to Campbell's Clinic at Memphis. I stayed in a cast over seven months. I had dislocated hip, but I am thankful that I am not crippled now. I go to church most every Sunday. I go to B.T.U. and Sunday School.

Your little friend,

Imojean Viner.

Rome, Miss.

Nov. 24, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write the Children's Circle. I am a little girl eleven years old and in the sixth grade. I read the Children's Circle every time the Baptist Record comes and I enjoy it very much. My mother used to read the Children's Circle when she was a little girl. I have three sisters and two brothers. I have a married sister and a sweet little nephew. He is three years old. I am thankful to have a mother and father living but I have only one grandmother living and no grandfathers. I hope to see my letter in the Record and I hope the children at the Orphanage have a very nice Thanksgiving. I have a very good friend in the Orphans' Home by the name of Inez Salmon. At the church we have a birthday jar. I am going to put eleven cents in it Sunday which goes to the Orphanage. I want to receive letters from every member of the Circle.

Your friend,

Audice Lee Viner.

Corinth, Miss.

November 23, 1939.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I enjoy the Circle so much that I am writing again. This is my third time to write. I am always glad when the Circle comes. I am the only child at home so you see I get lonesome. I have one sister and one brother living in Memphis. One of my brothers lives close to us. I was glad to see my poem in print. I am enclosing five cents for the orphans.

With love,

Virginia Fore.

Star, Miss.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy nine years old in the second grade. I go to school at Clear Branch. Miss Ware is my teacher. I have lots of playmates. I love them all. I am glad Thanksgiving is here and Christmas is near. I will go to my granddad's at Braxton and have a big time Christmas. On Saturdays I have a big time hunting nuts. We have a new dog which we think is fine, and a nice kitten.

As this is my first time to write, I'll go.

With love,

Thomas Byrd.

Financial Report for November

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We want to express our appreciation again to all of the young people who took part in the various contests at the State Training Union Convention. We felt that each one of them made a real contribution to the program. We would like to recognize once more the winners:

Bible Story Telling—Jean Pigott, First Church, McComb; Fay Reeves, Friendship Church, Pike County.

Junior Memory Work—Those who were perfect in their answers were: Margaret Edwards, Philadelphia; Henry Hester, Starkville; Janie Carolyn Grantham, Salem Church, Covington County; Mary Ellen Slay, Magee; Quitman Winter, Oxford.

Intermediate Sword Drill—Miss Reade Washington, Gulfport; Miss Louise Parrette, Carpenter; Miss Martha Anthony, Liberty Hill, Panola County.

Senior Speaking Contest—Miss Elizabeth Finch, First Church, McComb; Miss Willene Holmes, Tyler-town.

The purpose of these contests is to encourage the study of God's word, develop skill in using the word, and to master the art of speaking effectively on religious matters. We urge every leader to give individual attention to every member, seeking to develop the entire membership. The one who represents your union or church in the Associational contest should not be selected without keen competition by all members of the union. Let your representative be a real winner.

Gulf Coast Names Mrs. E. S. Flynt As Director

At the last meeting of the regular meeting of the Gulf Coast Association Mrs. E. S. Flynt was elected to the office of Associational Training Union Director. Mrs. Flynt succeeds Mrs. W. G. Jones who has served faithfully, and efficiently in that capacity for a number of years. Mrs. Flynt enters upon her duties enthusiastically and already has plans for the enlargement of the work throughout the association.

Horn Lake Calls Rev. Andy Hardy As Pastor

The Horn Lake Church, DeSoto County, has called Rev. Andy Hardy, student in Union University, as pastor and he has accepted. In writing, brother Hardy says that they have re-organized their B.Y.P.U. at Horn Lake, and they are already making plans to cooperate in State Training Union plans. We are happy to have this good report from Horn Lake, and welcome brother Hardy into our midst.

One of the results of the Enlargement Campaign in Lauderdale County was the organizing of a Training Union with several unions in the Long Creek Church, and the making of plans for a revival. Brother Percy Ray led in the work

at Long Creek, one of the few churches in the Campaign that did not have a union. The work of brother Ray was outstanding in the matter of overcoming difficulties, but the Lord led and on the Sunday night following the week's work this was one of the two churches thus far reporting an attendance over the goal they had set for that night. The rain interfered in most instances, but the Long Creek folk came anyway. Brother Ray, primarily an evangelist, plans to hold a meeting in this church a little later. May the Lord give them a great revival.

The Wedding of "Cliff" and Minnie

One of the most interesting "intermission periods" during an enlargement campaign we have ever experienced was the one on Thursday night at Southside Church, Meridian, during their enlargement campaign November 5-10. The unions had had their first class period, and had come in for the "intermission." We noticed that the Training Union director, Mr. Clifton Eaves, and the general secretary-elect, Miss Minnie Hayes, were "mighty dressed up" but why? We did not have to wait long to find out. The records were taken, lists of new leaders and officers read and approved, and then at the nod of the head of brother Vaughn, the beloved pastor, Cliff and Minnie stood up, having been seated together right on the front seat, and there a beautiful marriage ceremony was said, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Eaves hurried away for a short honeymoon. On their return a beautiful shower was given in their favor at which Mrs. Vaughn gave an original reading "Advice to the Bride from a Lady who had been married Nine times." We extend our heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

Next week the First Church, and Calvary Church in Columbus will be engaged in an enlargement campaign. Mr. Jack Perkins, educational director of First Church, Pastor Franks of First Church and Pastor Wages of Calvary Church are giving this campaign right-of-way for the week, with the idea of making it a whole church program. In all probability each church will add as many new unit organizations as they now have, which will mean that they look toward doubling the enrollment and attendance of the Training Union. We hope to report favorably on this campaign the following week.

Last July Was Starting Time

Thinking of our District Training Union Conventions—the time for our unions and churches to start getting ready for the Story Hour, Junior, Intermediate and Young People contests was the first of last July. The memory work and

the sword drill takes in that time given in the Quarterlies from July first, 1939 to July first, 1940. If you did not start then. START NOW, but drill on the last two quarters of this year as well as the first two of next year.

Meant For Men is a new book written by Dr. Jeff Ray of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Everyone will find it interesting. It is a compilation of short articles that Dr. Ray contributed to one of the daily newspapers, and they are all timely suggestions, rich in humor, and advice, and meant to strengthen character and morale of all who follow him in his thoughts. The Baptist Training Unions will do well to add a copy to their library. \$1.00 at The Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

The New Hats

Mr.—What ails your eye? Why the bandage?

Mrs.—Don't be silly. This is my new hat.

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"Did your father help you with your problem?"

"No teacher, I got it wrong all by myself."

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Meridian-15th Avenue	348
Springfield—Scott County	153
Bethlehem—Jones County	137
Meridian First Church	622
Hattiesburg Immanuel	173
Hattiesburg River Avenue	79
West Laurel	470
Vicksburg First	494
Crystal Springs Church	346
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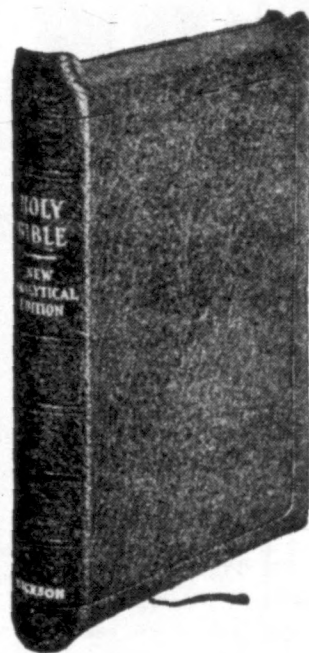
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FROM OUR MISSIONARY IN ARGENTINA

Dear Friends at Home:

"I'm hungry. Give me some breakfast and you'll be feeding a Saint. I go to church every day and I have a Saint here and here," said a poor woman, pointing to her heart, her stomach, and her back, who stopped Mrs. Cooper this morning. She wanted money also. She was promised breakfast but no money. Probably for this reason the "Saint Lady" did not return for breakfast. She is in darkness.

Being unable to speak Spanish well enough yet to talk to one about accepting the Lord Jesus as Savior we bought some leaflets discussing the subject which we have enjoyed distributing among the children in a nearby park. We go to this place of beauty about once a week when the weather permits. The boys and girls playing there flock for the papers. A few adults have sent for them. Who knows what the results can be?

The other night on a bus a sailor from an English boat asked me for directions to the seaman's institute. It was a joy to speak to him in English and to try to help him along his temporal and eternal journeys.

Recently in one of our churches here in Buenos Aires it was my privilege to preach, using an interpreter. Such is a most trying experience, somewhat like driving across a large city and finding a stop light at every intersection. After prayerful preparation of a sermon on the subject, "Jesus, the Light of the World," I preached as best I could praying as I preached for the salvation of some soul. At the close of the service as all heads were bowed I appealed for some person to surrender to Christ as Savior and Lord. Imagine our joy when an old man—we later learned that he is eighty-four years old—stood. As we continued the invitation a middle aged woman stood with him. While all was quiet and as the Holy Spirit continued using an interpreted appeal a third stood, another elderly man. How our heart rejoiced. Pray that there may be other such victories.

Some of the mountain top experiences of our seminary days at Louisville were our Mission days when a simple program was arranged by Dr. Sampey. May I suggest that you plan and present such a program in your church once each quarter? It could be adopted to a mid-week service or either of the Sunday services. It could be made a regular feature of the church program to which many would look forward with much interest. The Lord could use it mightily in forming a mission minded church and in "Calling out the Called" in your church to mission service.

November first and second are National holidays. All Saints' Day, Nov. 1, is the day which is celebrated for those who have been "sainted" by the church of Rome and for whom there are no special days set aside. There are more saints than there are days in the year. The Day of the Dead, Nov. 2, is set aside for honoring the lost loved ones and caring for their spiritual needs. Flowers are carried to the vaults—all are buried above ground in

vaults—and the priest comes with a few words and a few drops of "Holy Water" thus removing from purgatory those recently buried. The poor pay a minimum of two Argentine dollars while others get more words and water and pay more. —Wm. Lowrey Cooper, Juan Bautista Alberdi 4590, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

HOMECOMING DAY AT JUNIPER GROVE

Juniper Grove Baptist Church members celebrated the first anniversary of our pastor, Rev. Chas. B. Hamlet with a homecoming service, Sunday, November 19.

Our church shows:

An emphasis upon reverence for the Lord's House and church property.

Three cottage prayer meetings each week, sponsored by the Brotherhood; an earnest attempt to carry religion into the home.

An increased emphasis upon the worship service with an effort to dignify it.

Perennial evangelism—every Sunday night an evangelistic service.

Organizational:

Expansion and enlargement of all organizations with an effort to enlist all resident church members.

The largest B. T. U. and Sunday school study courses in the history of the church.

The Junior Choir.

Young People's Night—Christian recreation at the church.

Coordination of church program through church council.

Beautification of the Lord's House:

The beautiful gifts of our pews.

The center isle rug.

The beautiful gift of our pulpit chair.

The creation of the recreation room in the basement.

Beyond Our Local Borders:

The Pearl River County Brotherhood Association was organized at our church June 30th, with about three hundred laymen present.

Our invitation for the 1940 13th district B.T.U. convention was accepted.

Our Brotherhood assisted in the organization of the Steep Hollow Brotherhood.

An increased emphasis upon missions through all organizations.

Evangelism:

Profession of faith in Christ, 19; baptisms, 15; awaiting baptism, 2; by letter, 17.

An evangelistic service every Sunday night.

Financial:

An entirely self-supporting full time church program, the first in its history.

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An enlarged Lord's Acre Program which includes the ladies and young people.

Our pastor also has been faithful in visiting the sick, has been a great comfort to those who have had loved ones taken. He has visited every home on his field at least twice. He has accepted the call of our church for another year and we hope this year's work to be even a greater success than last year's.

Service on November 19, 11 a. m. included church history by L. E.

Stewart and Rev. J. P. Culpepper, also by Miss Bess Lorraine Lee, pastor's anniversary message. At night we had music by the Junior College Choir, also by Pearl River Junior College Glee Club; solo by Miss Annette Sutherland.

Highlights of History:

Juniper Grove Church was organized in 1858 with about 36 members. Now there are about 325 members. The first building was one room log structure. This was torn down and a box type building built. It was replaced by a lumber building which was torn down in 1931 and the present building begun. This building was completed as it stands today in 1938 at a cost of about \$20,000. It has 17 rooms.—Publicity Committee.

No Stuffing Was Needed

"My first Thanksgiving turkey!" exclaimed Mrs. Newlywed, as she proudly placed on the table the big platter with its well-browned bird.

"Splendid!" exclaimed her husband. "You seem to have done a fine job of stuffing it."

"Stuffing it? Why, this bird wasn't hollow!"

ELLISVILLE B. S. U. PRESENTS PROGRAM AT PINE GROVE

On Sunday morning, November 26, a group of students representing the B.S.U. of Jones County Junior College, with the Student Secretary, presented a program at Pine Grove Baptist Church.

Elton Thomas, Extension Director on the B.S.U. Council, had charge of the program. Others participating in the services were Billy Hilbun, Paul Hawkins, Dallas Rayborn, Edna Earle Todd, and Jimmie Reese. The song service was led by Billy Hilbun, and special music was provided by the B.S.U. trio, and Dallas Rayborn. After a very effective devotional by Edna Earle Todd, Miss Jimmie Reese, the Student Secretary, explained to the congregation the meaning and program of the Baptist Student Union. —Ruscoe Lee.

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Thanksgiving is due unto God. Thanksgiving day was established by our forefathers for the true purpose of thanking God for His goodness and for the harvest He has given, but not for having a picture in the paper carving a turkey.

Thanksgiving day is one of our many heritages which has helped make our nation what it is and many of us as citizens of our United States do not appreciate what President Roosevelt has done and is doing to break down Liberty, Democracy, Morals, etc., by signing the beer bill, repealing the eighteenth amendment of our Constitution, permitting destruction of cotton, cattle, hogs and by his reveling in his birthday ball.

The Proclamation to change Thanksgiving day is against state rights. The government does not make the states, but the states make the government. Neither does the government make the people, but the people make the government. The said proclamation has confused the people and disturbed many homes as the members of the various families of our dear nation cannot get off from their jobs except when their particular firm observes the occasion, so many families will not get to have their usual homecoming, reunion and Thanksgiving together. It is also against state rights to permit 1700 federal licenses to sell liquor in Mississippi which is supposed to be a dry state. "When the wicked rule, the people mourn." May the good Lord help us to be thankful to Him and may He help us out of this present regime.—E. D. Estes.

LEWIS CURTIS ORDAINED

Upon request of the Forty-first Avenue Baptist Church, the following pastors met this Nov. 12th, at 2:30 p. m. for the purpose of examining and ordaining brother Lewis Curtis to the Gospel ministry: Pastors T. M. Fleming, Norman W. Cox, J. L. Boyd, W. A. Roper, and J. H. Avery. Pastor Boyd took the initiative in organizing the above mentioned brethren into the examining and ordaining council. Pastor T. M. Fleming was elected chairman, and W. A. Roper was agreed upon to lead the examination. Pastor J. H. Avery was elected to act as secretary for this council.

Brother Curtis gave acceptable evidence of his conversion and call to the Christian ministry. He also satisfied the council in his knowledge and understanding of the Bible and mission of the churches. The council voted to recommend brother Curtis' ordination to this church. The council, with candidate, came immediately from the examination to the church, and having sung "I'll Live For Him," the pastor, brother Boyd, presented Dr. T. M. Fleming as chairman. Dr. Fleming called for the secretary's minutes. The minutes were read stating the vote of the council to recommend brother Lewis Curtis' ordination by the Forty-first Avenue Church of which brother Curtis is a member. Brother Boyd, as pastor, stepped forward for a moment to preside while the church voted to accept the council's

MRS. LUCILE BELL ANDING

Our hearts were made sad on July 3rd over the homegoing of Mrs. Lucile Bell Anding, a beloved member and co-worker of Flora W. M. S.

Not only will we miss her leadership and wise counsel, but Madison County Association has also lost a leader.

By her personal charm she won many friends both young and old. A devoted wife and mother "looking well to the way of her household." One who was interested in the activities of her town and community, but above all was her loyalty and devotion to her church and its interest. In her declining health she made sacrifices of her personal feeling to help carry on the work of the kingdom.

She was teacher in Sunday school; served as president of W.M.S. at different times and was associational superintendent of Madison County for several years, always dependable, cheerful and courageous, giving her best to the Master, therefore be it resolved:

That we bow in humble submission to the Father's will, knowing that He makes no mistakes.

Be it resolved, that we express to the family our deepest sympathy and earnest prayers, saying to them,

There is a land beyond our mortal vision

A better country, one exceeding fair

It has no night, neither death nor sorrow

Nor any sin can gain entrance there.

Resolved further, that we send a copy of these resolutions to the family, that a copy be spread on the minutes of our W. M. S. and a copy be sent to the Baptist Record for publication.

Mrs. C. W. Lorange
Mrs. Mamie McDowell
Mrs. E. A. Sigrest,
Committee.

The Record regrets that through error in this office the above obituary was delayed in publication.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT JONES JUNIOR COLLEGE

Early Wednesday morning, Nov. 22, a group of students gathered on the lawn at Jones Junior College to give thanks for the blessings of the past year.

Quiet music was played on the violin by Thomas R. Beech throughout the service. As the sun broke the stillness and darkness of the morning, James Gilmore directed the thoughts of the students in a devotional, reminding them of the many things for which to be thankful.

An offering was taken for the purpose of sending baskets of fruit to the T. B. Colony out from Ellisville.—Ruscoe Lee.

recommendation and to proceed with his ordination. Pastor T. M. Fleming preached the ordination sermon—quoting many appropriate passages of Scripture. Some were: II Tim. 3:15, 17; 4:1-8. Brother Roper led the ordination prayer, and J. H. Avery gave the charge. Brother Curtis led the closing prayer.

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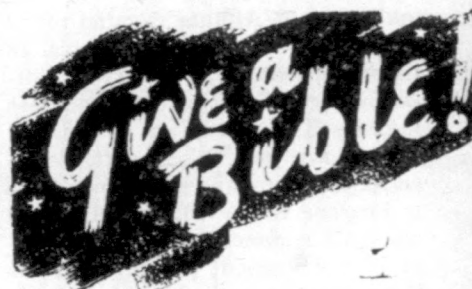
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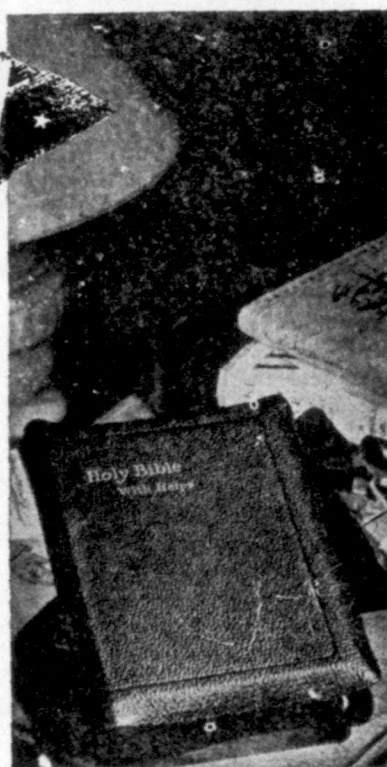
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EUROPEAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN WAR TIME

By Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, President,
of the Baptist World Alliance

The reports that come into the office of the Alliance in London are interesting but also inspiring. They reveal the firm loyalty of our people to the Gospel, their strong sense that their unity in Christ remains unbroken despite fiery trial, and their unshaken resolve to maintain the work of the Kingdom. Baptists evidently know nothing of a "moratorium for Christianity." The message issued last month by the officers of the Baptist World Alliance is being published everywhere and has already evoked the warmest response. This very morning (November 15th) as I dictate these notes, three more languages are added to the list of those in which the message has been issued.

Very significant is the attitude of our people in countries that are closely affected by the war. They are on the alert to seize every opportunity. A few hours ago a French pastor wrote me. He is seeking the chance of assisting British Baptists who are coming to his country as members of the expeditionary force.

From Hungary comes an impressive letter. The brethren are hard at work, but they are asking deep questions. The message which Atlanta has sent out, that "only changed men can make a new world," is being taken to heart in that country; and our people are praying and hoping for larger openings for evangelism. The Evangelistic Committee in Atlanta may be very certain of a world-wide welcome and a thankful response to any suggestions it is able to send to Unions and Conventions in every part of the world.

From Estonia comes a gladdening report that in the last days of October a conference of young people from all parts of the country was held in Tallinn. At the closing meeting 1,100 were present and Professor Oswald Tark, in response to a general request, gave an inspiring account of the great World Congress he had attended in Atlanta.

Denmark during the closing week of October was celebrating the completion of one hundred years from the opening of Baptist work. The centenary was a great occasion. I had the privilege of forwarding a message to the delegates on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance; but, better still, our Vice-President, Dr. Nordstrom acted as spokesman not only for his own country of Sweden but for the entire Alliance. The celebration was also notable as the occasion of the dedication of the new "Kobner Church," which will stand as a permanent memorial of Julius Kobner. Denmark was Kobner's fatherland; and it was natural that this coadjutor of Oncken should be foremost in evangelizing the land of his birth. (Both Oncken and Kobner took part in founding the first Danish Baptist church in Copenhagen in October 1939). It is interesting to record that the preacher at the dedication of the new church building was Professor A. T. Ohrn, of Oslo, whose sermon at Atlanta created so deep an impression.

From another country I have

heard this very day—Lithuania. The whole world knows of its difficult position. The Baptist work there is on a small scale. It owes much of such strength as it has to German Baptists of Memelland and Kaunas. Memel was taken by Germany a few months ago, and since then has been given over to Russia. From Kaunas and other parts of Lithuania those who are German by race, including, of course Baptists, are being ordered out in deference to Soviet Russia. Brother Gerikas, one of the bravest men I know, writes me about the difficulties under which he is laboring. His courage will be equal to his need. It is delightful to read of his large-hearted devotion not only to the people of Lithuania but to the Baptist brotherhood throughout the whole earth.

News from Rumania is scant, but I have definitely learned that the decree of last July has not been put into full effect. The brethren are encountering many difficulties; but they have seldom known any but difficult times, and in such times "great doors and effectual" have opened.

At the Baptist World Alliance office we are looking for the arrival of Dr. Lewis as soon as he can arrange it. Meanwhile, I am keeping things together. Letters from every direction indicate what a place the Alliance holds in the hearts of our people, and how great is the field of its service today.

As a last word I may add that the echoes of Atlanta resound round the world. The leading Australian Baptist paper has, I observe, printed Dr. Truett's presidential address in full. The European continental papers are still filled with references to the unique gathering. Here in England the Rev. Ernest A. Payne who will be remembered as the author of the Pageant presented at the Congress, has prepared a small book, "Baptists Speak to the World." It is written especially from a British point of view, and with a view to wide circulation. We expect it to be off the press in ten days' time. London, Nov. 15, 1939.

CENTREVILLE Y. W. A.

In spite of rainy weather, we were kept busy carrying out our plans for Focus Week. On Wednesday evening, Rev. S. W. Wagoner very graciously turned his prayer meeting hour over to us when we presented a pantomime on stewardship, which was written by one of our members.

Thursday afternoon we went to the Negro Baptist church for the purpose of organizing a negro Y. W. A. Although our first effort failed, we will keep on trying until we succeed.

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